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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT.

7th July 1869.

SIR,

IN appearing as a Candidate for the vacant Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh, I beg to lay before your notice a statement of my professional standing, of the appointments I have held, and of the work I have done, as specially qualifying me for the duties of this office.

In addition, I have to submit to your consideration the opinion of others well qualified to give an unbiassed judgment as to how far I have succeeded in my efforts to advance the science and art of Surgery, and employed to good purpose the opportunities I have already enjoyed of teaching the Students in this School.

I found my claim to your favourable consideration in making an appointment to this Chair—

1. Upon my being an Alumnus and Graduate of the University in which I now seek a Professorship.

2. Upon my experience and service as a Military Surgeon at home and abroad.

3. Upon my acquaintance with the modern practice of Ophthalmic Surgery, having been Surgeon to the Eye Infirmary for six years.

4. Upon my unusually great opportunities for engaging in Surgical practice, first as assistant to the late Professor Miller,

and latterly in private, and as Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, the Lock Hospital, and the Chalmers Hospital.

5. Upon my long experience and success as a Teacher of Systematic Surgery in this School, and the unprecedentedly large number of pupils I have had under my tuition during that period.

6. Upon the extent and recognised importance of my surgical writings, and communications, especially upon subjects of clinical interest.

I have the honour to be,

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95. Lawrence T. Cumberbatch, Esq., M.D. St And.; M.R.C.P. London; Member of the Pathological and Western Medical Surgical Societies; Fellow of the Obstetrical Society, ... 107

STATEMENT.

II. TRAINING AND TEACHING WORK IN SURGERY QUALIFYING FOR THE CHAIR.

1853.

Licentiate of Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

Obtained the Degree of Doctor of Medicine in Edinburgh.

Resident Surgeon, Royal Infirmary.

Senior President Royal Medical Society of Edinburgh.

1854-55.

Staff Assistant Surgeon in the Crimea.

Assistant-Surgeon in Royal Artillery.

Crimean and Turkish Medals and Clasps.

Elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, while absent in the Crimea.

1856-57.

Tutorial Assistant to the late Professor Miller in his Class of Systematic Surgery in the University of Edinburgh.

Elected a Member of the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Edinburgh.

Conducted a course of Instruction in Surgical Appliances, and delivered a course of Lectures on Fractures and Dislocations.

Passed the Examination for the Lectureship on Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons.

Delivered a Summer course of Lectures on Special Surgical Pathology.

1857-58.

Course of Lectures on Systematic Surgery.*

Course of Lectures on Special Surgical Pathology.†

Elected Surgeon to the Magdalene Asylum.

Elected Surgeon to the Edinburgh Eye Infirmary.

1858-59.

Course of Lectures on Systematic Surgery—Winter.

Course of Lectures on Special Surgical Pathology—Summer.

Elected Honorary Secretary to the Medico-Chirurgical Society.

1859-60.

Course of Lectures on Systematic Surgery—Winter.

Course of Lectures on Special Surgical Pathology—Summer.

Elected Assistant Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary.

1860-61.

Course of Systematic Surgery—Winter.

Course of Special Surgical Pathology—Summer.

1861-62.

Course of Systematic Surgery—Winter, and Lectured in the University for Professor Miller.

Course of Special Surgical Pathology—Summer.

Conducted Professor Syme's Class of Clinical Surgery.

1862-63.

Course of Systematic Surgery—Winter.

Course of Special Surgical Pathology—Summer.

Elected Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary.

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* This course and the other winter courses consist of upwards of 100 lectures, besides practical training.

† This course and the other summer courses consist of 60 lectures.

1863-64.

Course of Systematic Surgery—Winter.

Course of Military Surgery and Hygiene—Summer.

Appointed Examiner in Surgery to the University of St Andrews.

Elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

1864-65.

Elected Lecturer on Surgery in the Medical School of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh.

Course of Systematic Surgery—Winter.

Course of Military Surgery and Operative Surgery—Summer.

1865-66.

Lectures on Systematic Surgery—Winter.

Lectures on Special Surgical Pathology.

Elected Surgeon to Chalmers Hospital for Sick and Hurt.

1866-67.

Lectures on Systematic Surgery—Winter.

Lectures on Special Surgical Pathology—Summer.

Elected one of the Board of Examiners of the Royal College of Surgeons.

1867-68.

Lectures on Systematic Surgery—Winter.

Lectures on Operative Surgery—Summer.

1868-69.

Lectures on Systematic Surgery—Winter.

Lectures on Operative Surgery—Summer.

Total number of Pupils since 1857 amounts to **1148.**

III. LIST OF WRITINGS BY DR P. H. WATSON.

1. A System of Surgery.

The Second portion of Professor Miller's work, or Practice of Surgery, was edited and largely re-written by Dr Watson, at Professor Miller's request, and under his supervision.

2. Suggestions, with Rules and Regulations for the Completion and Maintenance of Fort-William Hospital. 1864.

3. Excision of the Knee-Joint. A description of a new apparatus for the after treatment, with illustrative cases. 1867.

4. The Modern Pathology and Treatment of Venereal Disease. 1861.

5. On the transmission of Syphilis by Vaccination, being a translation of two Lectures by M. le Docteur Ricord. 1862.

6. The present condition of Aural Pathology and Surgery. —*Edin. Med. and Surg. Journal.* 1854.

7. Orthopædic Surgery in 1856–1857.

8. Ligature of the Brachiocephalic Artery. A Review. 1858.

9. Excision of the Superior Maxilla. 1859.

10. Recent works on Syphilis. A Review. 1858.

11. The State of Military Surgery during the Crimean War. A Review. 1858.

12. Tracheotomy for the Removal of Foreign Bodies from the Larynx. 1859.

13. Recent works on Military Surgery—British and Foreign. 1859.

14. Cancer of the Female Bladder. 1860.

15. Plastic Restoration of the Eyelids.—Report of the Edinburgh Eye Infirmary. 1860.

16. Present State of the Pathology of Venereal Diseases. 1860.

17. Present State of the Pathology of Venereal Diseases. 1861.

18. The Radical Cure of Umbilical Hernia in the Adult. —A new method of treatment. 1862.

19. On Syphilitic Affections of the Nervous System. A Review. 1863.

20. Lithotomy with Cases—a Clinical Lecture. 1863.

21. New Instrument for the Relief of Retention of Urine in cases of Tight Stricture of the Urethra. 1863.

22. Cases of Injury of the Urethra, with rare complications. 1864.

23. On Surgical Diagnosis. A Review. 1864.

24. Cases illustrative of the Employment of Acupressure as a Hæmostatic agent. 1865.

25. Introductory Address at Surgeons' Hall, at the commencement of the Winter Session 1866–1867.

26. On the Treatment of Disease of the Knee-Joint by Excision. 1866.

27. Illustrative Cases, and Clinical Remarks, on Excision of the Knee. 1866.

28. On Intestinal Concretions, with an illustrative case. 1867.

29. Removal of Foreign Bodies from the Female Bladder, with cases. 1868.

30. The Treatment of Aneurism by Compression, and the use of a new instrument. 1869.

31. Removal of a Tumour from the Pterygomaxillary region. 1869.

32. Lithotrity, and a new Lever Lithotrite. 1869.

33. Amputation of the Scapula, Clavicle, and Arm. 1869.

IV. LIST OF COMMUNICATIONS TO THE MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY OF EDINBURGH.

1857–58.

1. Cases of Urethral Calculus.

1858–59.

2. On Gunshot Wounds.
3. Removal of the Upper Jaw.
4. Hæmorrhage into the Pericardium, a Cause of Death in a Case of Popliteal Aneurism.
5. On the Radical Cure of Hydrocele by Injection and Wire Seton.

1859–60.

6. On Gunshot Injuries of Bones.
7. On Scrofulous Disease of the Testicle.
8. Fracture of the Odontoid Process, terminating in Fibrous Union and Recovery.

1860–61.

9. On Fractures of the Neck of the Humerus, more particularly with reference to the Impaction.
10. Upon the Use of Acupressure in the arrest of Arterial Hæmorrhage.
11. On Tracheotomy in Croup.
12. On certain Malformations of the Genito-Urinary Organs.
13. On Scirrhus and Simple Hypertrophy of the Male Mamma.
14. On Osteosarcoma affecting the Upper Maxillary Bone.
15. On Fibrous Tumours of the Breast.
16. On Nasal Polypi.
17. Case of Aneurism of the Thoracic Aorta fatal by sudden Diffusion.
18. On the results of Chopart's Operation of Amputation through the Tarsus, and the Objections to its Employment.
19. On Excision of the Upper Jaw.
20. On a New Instrument calculated to assist in the Reduction of Dislocations.

21. On Compound Dislocation of the Ankle.

22. On Medullary Disease of the Eyeball, and the results of Extirpation of the Globe in these Cases.

23. On Scrofulous Disease of the Testicle.

1863.

24. On the Mulberry Calculus.

25. On the Nature and Causes of Pyæmia.

26. On Gunshot Wounds and their Treatment, past and present.

27. On Fracture of the Base of the Skull.

28. On the Comparative Influence of Ligature and of Acupressure, as means of arresting Arterial Hæmorrhage, upon the healing of Amputation Wounds.

29. On the Causes which determine the Nature and Severity of the result in the Embolic Obstruction of Arteries.

30. On an Hereditary Syphilitic Disease of the Lower Extremity simulating Elephantiasis.

31. Case of severe Railway Injury of the Foot, in which every bone was more or less comminuted, while the Integuments remained intact.

32. Case of Gangrene of the Forearm after Compound Comminuted Fracture, in which Amputation of the Arm proved successful.

33. Cases illustrative of various points connected with the history and progress of Prostatic Disease.

34. Case in which a Cyst formed within the Coats of the Bladder compressed the Ureter, and produced a fatal result from Uræmia.

35. Case of Stricture of the Urethra, illustrative of the effects of rapid Dilatation.

36. On the Use of the Probe-pointed Steel Catheter in Cases of Retention complicating Stricture.

1864.

37. Upon Injury of the Frontal Bone.

38. On the Performance and Results of Amputation at the Ankle-Joint by the Internal Lateral Flap Operation.

39. On Enchondroma of the Lower End of the Radius and its Removal.

40. Upon Excision of the Knee-Joint.

41. On Malignant Disease of the Condyles of the Femur resembling Articular Disease.

42. Further Pathological Observations upon the Intimate Structure of the Growth in the above case.

43. Fracture of the Neck of the Scapula, together with the Humerus and Ribs, with Laceration of the Axillary Artery from direct Violence.

44. The Case of an Elderly Female in whom a Myeloid Tumour developed itself in the Periosteal Tissues of the Hard Palate.

45. A Peculiar Annular Sequestrum from the Tibia, being the Walls of a Trephine Wound.

46. Case of Extensive Disease of the Femur and Tibia, requiring Amputation high in the Thigh.

47. On Embolic Obstruction of the Vessels of the Limbs and the attendant Symptoms.

48. On Fatal Hæmorrhage in Varix.

1865.

49. Cases illustrative of the Employment of Acupressure as a Hæmostatic Agent.

50. Sanguineous Apoplexy in a Child.

51. On the Condition of Arteries of Large Size occluded by Acupressure.

52. Fatal Hæmoptysis occurring a few hours after Tracheotomy.

53. Fracture of the Symphysis and Angle of the Jaw from the same Injury.

54. Amputation at the Ankle-Joint, with an Anterior Rectangular Flap.

55. Removal of portions of Catheter from the Bladder.

56. New Apparatus for the After-treatment of Cases of Excision of the Knee-Joint.

57. New Pattern of Conical Probe-pointed Catheter and

Bougie for the Treatment of Cases of Tight Stricture of the Urethra.

58. Removal of an Injured Testicle on account of Neuralgia.

59. Cases of Excision of the Knee-Joint.

60. Primary Excision of the Knee-Joint.

61. Primary Excision of the Wrist and Carpus for Gunshot Wound.

62. Laceration of the Brain.

63. Removal of a Vesical Calculus in an Epileptic.

64. Treatment of Fracture of the Radius by Gordon's Splint and a Modification.

65. Removal of the Tongue for Cancer by means of the Ecraseur.

66. Removal by Lithotomy of a Phosphatic Calculus.

67. Employment of Acupressure.

1866.

68. Excision of the Knee-Joint, with Illustrations.

69. Further Illustrations of Excision of the Knee-Joint.

70. On the Period required for Consolidation of the Parts after Excision of the Knee-Joint.

71. Excision of the Knee in Case of Disease with extensive Abscesses.

72. Excision of the Ankle-Joint in a Child.

73. Removal of a Mulberry Calculus from a Female by Dilatation of the Urethra.

74. Cases of Lithotrity and Lithotomy.

75. Treatment of Cleft, Hard, and Soft Palate, by Langenbeck's Method.

76. Removal of a Large Tubercular Testis.

77. Excision of the Knee, leaving the Patella.

1867.

78. Excision of the Knee-Joint, showing Conditions of Disease.

79. On the Use of Artificial Diaphragms in Cleft Palate compared with the Effects of Langenbeck's Operation.

80. Amputation at the Hip-Joint in which all the Vessels were secured by Acupressure.

81. Excision of the Wrist-Joint.

82. Excision of one half of the Tongue completely effected by Three Ecraseurs applied at the same time.

83. Excision of Loose Cartilages from the Knee, in which Antiseptic Treatment was employed.

1868.

84. Cancer of the Female Bladder.

85. Arterial Obstruction in Senile Gangrene.

86. Large Pedunculated Exostosis of the Femur, with an extraordinary History.

87. Tumour (Malignant) of the Upper Jaw removed successfully.

88. Tubercular Tumour of the Testicle of large size.

89. Excision of the Entire Calcaneum.

90. Lithotrity, with Specimens from Four Recent Cases.

1869.

91. Two cases of Excision of the Knee-Joint,—one Ten Years, the other Three Years after Operation.

92. A New Lithotrite.

93. Three Cases of Lithotrity with Successful Results.

94. Four Cases of Excision of the Knee-Joint on account of Disease originating in the Synovial Membrane.

95. Excision of the Head of the Humerus on account of Disease following an Injury.

96. Two Cases of Excision of the Elbow-Joint,—one in a Child, the other in an Adult.

97. Case of Excision of the Wrist-Joint by a New Operation, consisting in a Single Linear Dorsal Incision.

98. Case of Excision of the Extremities of the Tibia and Fibula with the entire Astragalus in a child.

99. Employment of long Acupressure Needles and Silk Thread, forming a Hare-lip Suture, in Vesico-Vaginal Fistula, preferable to the Wire Suture.

EXTRACTS FROM REVIEWS OF DR WATSON'S WORKS.

EXTRACT from *The British and Foreign Medico-Chirurgical Review*, vol. xli., 1868, p. 431, in regard to Dr Watson's "EXCISION OF THE KNEE-JOINT:"—

"We have read with much pleasure this very interesting pamphlet, with the object of which every surgeon who has had experience of the operation must sympathise. This object is to extend the operation of excision from civil to military practice. We welcome Dr Watson's work as a very valuable contribution both to the literature and to the practice of this operation. The suggestion which is its chief aim to enforce is likely to prove a very useful one, and the moderate and impartial tone of the book, as well as its full statement of the whole results of the operator's practice, are models of what ought to be, but is not, the invariable method in which such questions are to be discussed."

EXTRACT from a Review in the *Dublin Quarterly Journal of Medical Science*, vol. xxxiii., 1862, p. 135, in regard to Dr Watson's "MODERN PATHOLOGY," and "TREATMENT OF VENEREAL DISEASES":—

"This pamphlet is a reprint of a very able review, which appeared in the *Edinburgh Medical Journal* some time back. . . . . It is not so, however, with Mr Watson; his practice is soundly based, and may well be listened to by those who still dream of specifics. It bears the stamp of sound science and good common sense. In taking leave of this somewhat remarkable pamphlet, we beg to recommend it for perusal to all who are brought into contact with syphilitic practice;

it will well repay a careful perusal, and contains more valuable matter than many an imposing quarto."

EXTRACT fom the *Lancet*, July 13th, 1868, in regard to the same work :—

"This pamphlet contains an exposition of the Ricordian doctrines, which the author defends with great energy. The modifications which these doctrines have of late undergone are accurately detailed."

EXTRACT FROM DR ZERSSEN'S THESIS, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS GRADUATION IN MEDICINE IN THE UNIVERSITY OF KIEL.*

"Im Falle (No. 39) haben wir auch für das Ellbogen-Gelenk einen Verband nach dem Princip der Watson'schen Knieresections-Verbandes angewendet und ist das Zeugniss Aller darin einig, dass man einen schöneren Verband für eine *Resectio Cubiti* nicht wohl verlangen könne. . . . Im *Edinburgh Medical Journal*, Jan. 1866, p. 659, hat P. H. Watson einen neuen Verband für die Nachbehandelung nach Resection des Kniegelenks beschrieben und seine Anwendung durch eine Erzählung von Fällen begründet.

"Sein Verband besteht, &c. &c. Als wir hier mit diesem Verbande für Kniegelenksresection unsere ersten Versuche machten, zeigte sich derselbe so ausserordentlich praktisch und einfach, dass Herr Prof. Esmarch sich sofort veranlasst fühlte, das Princip auch für andere Gelenke zu verwerthen und ist in Folge dessen dasselbe hier nicht nur auch für Fuss- und Ellbogen-Gelenk zur Anwendung gekommen, sondern . . . auch mit bis dahin sehr befriedigendem Erfolg für eine Hüftgelenksresection. . . . . Die Patienten liegen, an

* Beiträge zur Statistik der Amputationen und Resectionen—Inaugural Behandlung, welche zur Erlangung der Doctorwürde in der Medicin, Chirurgie, und Geburt-Shülpe unter Zustimmung der Medicinischen Facultät zu Kiel, nebst den beigefügten Thesen öffentlich vortheidigen wird.—L. J. ZERSSEN, aus Rendsburg, Kiel, 1868.

welchem Gelenk auch die Resection ausgeführt ist, ausserordentlich bequem, können vom ersten Tage an ohne Beschwerde jede Stellung einnehmen, und was uns noch besonders vortheilhaft erschienen ist, wir haben in allen Fällen . . . die Nachbehandelung ohne Verband zur Anwendung gebracht. Ich glaube wenigstens, dass man nur diesem Umstande es zuzuschreiben hat, dass man eine Kniegelenksresection von Anfang bis zu Ende behandeln kann, ohne jemals durch eine Spur von Geruch belästigt zu werden, ja, ich glaube sogar, dass man das auf keine andere Weise erreichen könnte. Dabei ist der Verband und das Glied fast beständig rein, weil der Eiter aus der Wunde hervorgedrungen, über das Glied und die durch Firniss vor Imbibition geschützte Schiene sofort herabläuft und in das untergesetzte Gefäss tropft."

(*Translation.*)

In the case (No. 39) we applied to the elbow-joint, also, a bandage on the principle of Watson's apparatus for excision of the knee-joint, and it was the unanimous opinion of all that no better apparatus for a resection of the elbow joint could well be desired. . . . In the *Edinburgh Medical Journal*, January 1866, p. 659, P. H. Watson has described this new apparatus, and supported its employment by an enumeration of cases. His apparatus consists, &c. &c. On our first trial here of this mode of treatment of excision of the knee-joint, it proved so extraordinarily practical and simple, that Professor Esmarch at once felt induced to apply Watson's principle to other joints, and in this way has come to employ it, not only for foot and elbow joints, but even with the most satisfactory results in the case of an excision of the hip-joint. . . . Patients who have undergone an operation for the excision of a joint enjoy, through this principle, a wonderful amount of comfort; able, even from the first day, without difficulty to assume any position, and, what seems to us of particular importance, we have been able in all cases to treat the patient without repeated bandaging. I am of opinion, at all events, that to this circumstance we must attribute the fact, that an excision of the

knee-joint may be treated from first to last without any bad smell—a result to be achieved, I believe, by no other plan of after treatment. In this way the bandage and the limb of the patient are kept constantly clean, the matter from the wound being prevented from lodging about either the wound or the apparatus.

REQUISITION

From the SENIOR STUDENTS *attending classes in the Edinburgh Medical School.*

To PATRICK HERON WATSON, M.D., F.R.S., F.R.C.S. Edinburgh.

Understanding that the Chair of Clinical Surgery is rendered vacant by the resignation of Professor Syme, we, the undersigned Students of Medicine, at the School of Edinburgh, would wish to see it filled by one so eminently qualified as yourself. We, therefore, earnestly request you to come forward as a Candidate for the Appointment, and to accept our most sincere wishes for the success of your application.

J. W. VANCE.
EDWARD MOON WILSON.
E. S. STEVENSON.
C. A. SIMPSON.
5 R. W. EVANS.
THOS. W. PARRY.
ROBT. A. KEYS.
JOSEPH DIXON.
THOS. NIXON.
10 J. W. NICHOLSON.
WM. GUTHRIE.
JOHN COCHRANE.
E. F. SHEAF.
C. HOPE.
15 DAVID J. HAMILTON.
ALFRED C. E. HARRIS.
M. H. LOOS.
S. JACKSON.
JOSEPH HENRY LITTLE.
20 GEO. H. EVANS.
G. D. CUTHBERTSON.
J. H. MILL.
HENRY MILLER.
DAVID SHIRRES.
25 J. H. MACLOSKY.
LOUIS CONRAD JOCKEL.
Y. T. HARRIS YATES.
ROBT. SMITH.
WM. JOHN EDWARDS
30 ALFRED J. ROOKE.
S. B. RICHARDSON.
ANDREW DRUMMOND.
HENRY W. DREW.
J. P. W. ROUX.
35 J. K. N. O. CLOETÉ.
A. W. MILNE.
H. N. F. HUGGINS.
D. L. BECKINGSALE.
GEORGE WATSON.
40 D. BEATTIE BAIN.
J. MEIN.
ROBT. H. GARDNER.
H. G. GARDNER.
J. A. E. FALCONER.
45 G. FORBES.
E. W. F. STIVEN.
WM. JOHNSTON.
DANIEL SUTHERLAND.
WM. THOS. PEGUS.
50 BEGG.
R. J. W. DURHAM.
ALEXANDER DUNBAR.
THOMAS HEIGHAM.
EDW. DAVIES.
55 W. H. LAWSEY.
WM. BLACKWOOD.
WM. U. BAIN.
A. G. ELLIOT.
JOHN PLAYFAIR
60 J. P. W. ROUSE.

CHARLES W. MacGILLIVRAY.
THOS. B. SANDERSON.
HENRY MEADOWS.
M. D. MACLEOD.
65 G. ROUSE.
D CHAS. COX,
J. CUNNINGHAM.
DAVID S. RENNIER.
JOHN M'DONALD.
70 JOHN WM. BELL.
WM. PEARSON.
JOHN LEIGHTON.
JOSEPH WEBSTER.
JOHN M'KENZIE.
75 HENRY HART.
HUBERT BUCKLE.
W. H. GOODENOUGH.
ISAAC MOSSOP.
E. W. WATSON.
80 T. PATTERSON.
M. BELSVENOTT.
H. W. HILL.
C P SMALL.
THOMAS SPOWEISH.
85 FRANK CUFOURDE.
B. SYDD HEUSTON.
THOS. JENKINS.
TOOLLULAH LEFLUFY.
DELLUNRAN MORRISEN.
90 G. W. SHESCORE.
ROBERT GUNN.
ML. C. DINGEN.
G. T. DICKSON.
W. W. EVANS.
95 W. G. SCOTT.
A. TAYLOR.
JOHN SOMERVILLE.
ARCHIBALD SOMERVILLE
J. B. GASS.
100 R. B. HILL.
R. R. SAGE.
GEO. HAGGAN.
GEO GRAHAM

COLLECTIVE TESTIMONIALS.

I.

From MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS, *in favour of* PATRICK HERON WATSON, M.D., F.R.S., F.R.C.S.E., &c.

July 9, 1869.

Understanding that Dr Patrick Heron Watson, Lecturer on Surgery, Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, is a Candidate for the vacant Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh, we, the undersigned Medical Practitioners, desire to express our unqualified approval of his so doing, and our earnest desire that he may be appointed to the Chair of Clinical Surgery, for which he is so eminently qualified.

Dr Watson is well known to the Profession as an eloquent Lecturer, a successful Teacher, and a dexterous Operator.

By means of his valuable Contributions to Medical Journals, he has shown himself not only to be well versed in Surgical Literature, but has also helped, in no small degree, to advance the progress of Surgery.

He is distinguished alike for kindness to his patients, courtesy to his brother practitioners, and general eminence as a Surgeon.

We are fully confident that his appointment would tend greatly to maintain the honour of the Medical School of the distinguished University of Edinburgh.

W. J. CARLYLE, M.D., L.R.C.S.E., Langholm.
JAMES CAPPIE, M.D., Edinburgh.
ROBERT LUCAS, M.B.C.M., Dalkeith.
JAMES M. BELL, M.D., L.R.C.S.E., King's-Kettle.
5 ROBERT CRAWFORD, M.D., L.F.P.S. Glasg., Peebles.
R. BAIKIE, M.D., late Staff-Surgeon, H.M.I. Army, Edinburgh.
A. G. MILLER, M.D., F.R.C.S.E., Lecturer on Surgery, Edinburgh.
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HUGH MacBAIN, L.R.C.P. and S.E., North Berwick.
10 WILLIAM MARTINE, M.D., L.R.C.S.E., Haddington.

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WILLIAM HILL, L.R.C.S.E., Portobello.
DAVID GREIG, F.R.C.S.E., Queensferry.
ROBERT SPENCE, M.D., Linlithgow.
20 JOHN MACKIE, Sen., L.R.C.S.E., Brechin.
JOHN MACKIE, Jun., M.D., L.R.C.S.E., Brechin.
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JAMES NEILSON, M.D., L.M., Blairgowrie.
JAMES WILLIAMSON, M.D., Burntisland.
30 JAMES YOUNG, M.D., L.R.C.S.E., Edinburgh.
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JAMES LONGMUIR, M.D., L.F.P.S.G., Bathgate.
D. M'LEOD, L.R.C.S.E., Hawick.
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S. LAWRENCE, M.D., L.R.C.S.E., Montrose.
DUNCAN McGREGOR, L.R.C.S.E., Tranent.
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II.

From FORMER PUPILS, *in favour of* DR PATRICK HERON WATSON, M.D., F.R.S., F.R.C.S.

July 7, 1869.

WE, the undersigned Medical Practitioners, being former Pupils of DR PATRICK HERON WATSON, Lecturer on Surgery, Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, desire to take this opportunity of expressing our high appreciation of his fitness for the CHAIR OF CLINICAL SURGERY in the University of Edinburgh, vacant by the resignation of Professor Syme.

Dr Watson is thoroughly master of his subject. His systematic Lectures on Surgery are characterised by preciseness of

arrangement, accuracy of statement, and are communicated in a fluent and attractive style, so as to render them, in our opinion, of easy comprehension, and thus of much value to the Student.

From personal experience in the Wards in his Hospital-practice, we are able to testify no less emphatically to his abilities as a Clinical Instructor; his desire for the information of his pupils being only equalled by his care of, and kindness to, his patients.

His merits as an Operator are well known, and have already procured for him a very distinguished place among the Surgeons of the day.

We are firmly persuaded that his appointment to the vacant Chair of Clinical Surgery would alike be for the advancement of Clinical Instruction, and for the honour of the University of Edinburgh.

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From the late A. A. VELPEAU, M.D. ; *Surgeon to H.I.M. the Emperor of the French ; Commandeur de la Legion d'Honneur ; Member (formerly President) of the Academy, and of the Society of Surgery ; Surgeon to l'Hôpital de la Charité, Paris, &c. &c.*

PARIS, 34 RUE DE GRENELLE, ST GERMAIN.

Les titres que vous indiquez, cher Monsieur, les divers écrits que j'ai reçus de vous, tout ce que vous avez fait jusqu'ici enfin, me portent à croire que vous êtes tout à fait digne de la faveur que vous sollicitez.

VELPEAU.

(*Translation.*)

DEAR SIR,—From the appointments you hold, the various papers I have received from you, and also from all that you have done till now, I believe that you are quite worthy of the honour to which you aspire.

VELPEAU.

Par la part qu'il a prise à la rédaction du "System of Surgery" de M. Miller ; par les ouvrages et articles scientifiques qu'il a publiés, par les emplois qui lui ont été confiés jusqu'ici, par sa notabilité Européenne, etc., M. le docteur Watson me parait fort digne de la place qu'il sollicite dans l'Université d'Edimbourg.

VELPEAU.

(*Translation.*)

From the share he has had in editing Professor Miller's "System of Surgery;" from the works and scientific papers which he has published; from the appointments he has held up to the present time; by his European reputation and other circumstances, Dr Watson appears to me to be thoroughly worthy of the Professorship in the University of Edinburgh for which he is a candidate.

VELPEAU.

II.

From M. LE DOCTEUR NÉLATON, *Senateur; Chirurgien à S. I. M. l'Empereur; Commandeur de Legion d'Honneur; ancien Professeur de la Faculté de Médecine de Paris; Membre de l'Académie de Chirurgie; Chirurgien à l'Hospital des Chirurgie.*

PARIS.

MONSIEUR, ET HONORÉ CONFRÈRE,—Bien que je n'aie pas une notion complète de tous vos travaux, j'en ai cependant acquis une connaissance suffisante, pour en apprécier l'ésprit.

Je ne saurais trop vous louer d'avoir envisagé largement les questions, et d'avoir évité l'ecueil où tombent beaucoup de chirurgiens de notre epoque, qui, au lieu de s'inspirer de la tradition chirurgicale que vous ont laissée les grands maîtres de l'art, s'epuisent en efforts steriles à la recherche de petits details dont la pratique a bien peu de chose à retirer.

Le sens droit et l'esprit pratique de nos voisins d'outre-manche ne peut manquer de faire justice á cette fausse science, et d'appiécier les tendances de votre éspirit; il reconnoitra en vous, j'ose l'espérer, le professeur dont l'enseignement à la fois lucide et profond, est appelé à former des hommes de science et de vrais chirurgiens.

NÉLATON.

(*Translation.*)

SIR, AND HONOURED CONFRÈRE.—Although not fully acquainted with all your works, I have acquired a sufficient

knowledge of them to appreciate their spirit. I cannot sufficently commend you for the large and full view you take of the questions you discuss, and for avoiding the rock on which so many surgeons of our day make shipwreck. Instead of drawing their inspiration from the surgical traditions left us by the great masters of the art, they exhaust themselves in fruitless efforts, seeking out small details, from which practice will never derive much advantage.

The common sense and practical tendency of our neighbours across the Straits secure their being on their guard against this false science, and will lead them to appreciate the tendencies of your mind. They will recognise in you, as I venture to hope, a Professor whose mode of teaching, at once lucid and profound, is fitted to form men of science and true surgeons.

NÉLATON.

III.

From M. LE DOCTEUR PHILIPPE RICORD, *Chirurgien Honoraire des Hôpitaux de Paris: Ancien Chirurgien en chef du Service de l'Hôpital, des Vénériens; Professeur de Chirurgie Spéciale: Ex-President de l'Académie Imperiale de Médecine; Médecin ordinaire de S. A. I. le Prince Napoléon; Commandeur de la Legion d'Honneur, &c. &c. &c.*

PARIS, 17*th Juillet* 1869.

TRÈS HONORÉ ET TRÈS DISTINGUÉ CONFRÈRE,—Si, en 1864, aprés avoir pris connaissance de vos nombreux titres, je vous croyais digne d'occuper la chaire de chirurgie en remplacement de votre beau-pere le Professeur Miller, aujourd'hui plus que jamais par les nombreux et valuables travaux que vous avez ajouté à tout ce que vous aviez déjà si bien fait vous meritez le titre que vous ambitionnez; et je crois pouvoir affirmer qu'on ne saurait faire un meilleur choix.

Veuillez être persuadè du plaisir que j'aurai en apprenant votre succès.

P. RICORD.

(*Translation.*)

MUCH HONOURED AND DISTINGUISHED CONFRÈRE,—If, in 1864, after having acquainted myself with your many claims, I thought you worthy of occupying the chair of Surgery, as successor to your father-in-law, Professor Miller, now assuredly more than ever—by the numerous and valuable works, in addition to all you had formerly done—you deserve the post to which you aspire; and in my opinion a better choice could not be made.

It would give me sincere pleasure to hear of your success.

P. RICORD.

IV.

From the late J. SICHEL, M.D.; *Professor of the Ophthalmological Clinque; Officer of the Legion of Honour; Commander of several Orders; Perpetual Honorary President of the International Ophthalmological Congress, &c.*

I look on a thorough acquaintance with Ophthalmology as essential in any one who would perfectly teach surgical pathology and practice. I therefore believe Dr Patrick Heron Watson, besides his high endowments and his profound and practical knowledge in Surgery, more particularly fitted for the satisfactory discharge of the duties of the office of Professor of Surgical Pathology and Practical Surgery, because he has been for six years Surgeon to the Edinburgh Eye Infirmary, and has acquired extensive knowledge in the Medical and Surgical treatment of Eye diseases.

SICHEL.

V.

From LE PROFESSEUR DEMARQUAY, *Professeur agrégé de la Faculté de Médecine de Paris; Chirurgien à Maison Municipale de santé; Chevalier de l'ordre de la Legion d'Honneur, &c. &c.*

PARIS, 13*e Juillet* 1869.

MONSIEUR, ET HONORÉ CONFRÈRE,—Je vous remercie a' avoir eu la bonté de m'addresser plusieurs de vos ouvrages. Je

serai heureux de vous être utile et de favoriser votre nomination si naturelle et si legitime à la place laissée vacante par la retraite de Monsieur Syme. J'espère, Monsieur, que justice vous sera rendue. Vous avez beaucoup travaillé, votre nom est connu honorablement dans la science, et je serais heureux de voir apprecier et honorer votre mérite.

DEMARQUAY.

(*Translation.*)

SIR, AND HONOURED CONFRÈRE.—I thank you for sending me several of your works. I should be glad to be of service to you, and to forward a nomination so natural and suitable as yours to the post rendered vacant by the retirement of Mr Syme. I hope, sir, you will have justice. You have laboured much; your name is honourably known in connexion with science; and I shall be happy to see your merit appreciated.

DEMARQUAY.

VI.

From LE PROFESSEUR DOLBEAU, *Professeur de Pathologie Chirurgicale à la Faculté de Médecine de Paris; Chirurgien de l'Hôpital Beaujon, &c. &c.*

J'ai pris connaissance de la notice relative aux travaux, et titres scientifiques du docteur P. H. Watson. J'ai parcouru les differents ouvrages qui ont été publiés par ce confrère, et de tout cela il est resulté pour moi la conviction que M. le docteur Watson est un chirurgien instruit, très au courant des découvertes modernes et qu'il réunit toutes les qualités désirables pour faire un professeur très utile.

DOLBEAU.

(*Translation.*)

Having made myself acquainted with the scientific labours and appointments of Dr P. H. Watson, and having gone over

the various works which he has published, I am convinced that Dr Watson is a Surgeon thoroughly acquainted with all the modern discoveries, and that he possesses all the qualities calculated to make a useful Professor.

DOLBEAU.

VII.

From LE PROFESSEUR GIRALDES, *Professeur agrégé de la Faculté de Médecine de Paris; Chirurgien en chef de l'Hôpital des Enfans Malades; Chirurgien en chef de la Compagnie du Chemin de fer du Nord; Membre titulaire de la Société Imperiale de Chirurgie; Chevalier de l'Ordre de la Légion d'Honneur, &c. &c.*

PARIS, *ce* 11 *Juillet* 1869.

Je déclare—Qu' au nombre des travaux de Chirurgie publiés dans la Grande Bretagne, j'ai depuis longtemps remarqué ceux que M. le docteur P. H. Watson (Fellow du Collège Royal des Chirurgiens, et Chirurgien adjoint de l'Infirmerie Royale d'Edimbourg) a publié dans le Journal "Edinburgh Medical Journal," en particulier pour les années 1867, '68, '69. Au nombre de ces travaux celui sur la résection du genu a fixé particulièrement mon attention.

L'ensemble des travaux de M. P. H. Watson revelent, chez ce distingué confrère, une aptitude très grande et de precieuses qualités Surgicales dont je me plais à prêter temoignage.

GIRALDES.

(*Translation.*)

Declare—that among the works on Surgery, published in Great Britain, I have long noticed those of Dr P. H. Watson, published in the *Edinburgh Medical Journal,* particularly those in 1867-68-69. Among these treatises, that on the Excision of the Knee-Joint has especially attracted my attention. Altogether, the works of Dr P. H. Watson exhibit, in this distinguished member of our profession, great clinical aptitude and valuable surgical qualifications, to which it gives me pleasure to bear testimony.

GIRALDES.

VIII.

From M. le Docteur Péan, *Agregé de la Faculté de Médecine de Paris; Ancien Prosecteur à l'Amphithéâtre des Hôpitaux de Paris; Chirurgien des Hôpitaux de Paris.*

Je, soussigné, certifie avoir constaté les plus grandes aptitudes chirurgicales, cliniques, et operatives chez M. le docteur P. H. Watson, qui prouve par ses operations non moins que par ses écrits qu'il est appelé à occuper une haute position scientifique; et que ceux des travaux les plus remarquables, entre tant d'autres, qui meritent une mention particuliere, sont:

1. Sa description d'un nouvel appareil pour les rèsections du genou, parfaitement décrite dans une monographie qui se recommande par des faits remarquables à l'appui des opinions qu'il y a émises.

2. Son appareil pour le traitement des aneurysmes par la compression, qui lui a permis de poser de très belles considerations à l'occasion de deux succès.

3. Son traitement par la ligature d'une perforation de l'intestin, dans un cas de hernie etranglée pour lequel il a montré un très grand sang froid, et fait preuve d'une solide erudition.

4. Sa belle operation de tumeur de la region pterygoïde, relatée avec une admirable figure, de grandeur naturelle, qui prouve que M. Watson est apte à aborder les operations les plus difficultueuses de la chirurgie.

5. Son travail sur les concretions intestinales dans lequel il décrit et figure le mode de formation des tumeurs stercorales, dont les calculs biliaires peuvent être le point de départ, et la meilleure conduite à tenir dans ces sortes de cas au point de vue du diagnostie et du traitement.

6. Son nouveau appareil pour la lithotritie dont le maniement et la puissance me paroissent temoigner un très bon jugement.

7. Ses cas d'extraction de corps étrangers de la vessie chez la femme qui lui ont fourni les matériaux d'une monographie interessante avec des planches très exactes et originales à l'appui

de la conduite qui 'il a été obligé de tenir dans des cas difficiles.

8. Ses considerations sur le traitement actuel des maladies venériennes ; ouvrage dans lequel l'auteur fait preuve d'une erudition solide, et prouve qu'il est apte à discerner la meilleure voie au milieu du dédale d'opinions qui ont été enuises de nos jours sur cet important sujet.

9. Enfin, son charmant discours pronouneé a Edimbourg à l'ouverture de la session medicale qui a eu lieu au mois d'Octobre 1866, et qui prouve que M. Watson est disposé à vouer sa vie à un travail constant, et à chercher tous les moyens à élever le niveau de la profession qu'il exerce, et à encourager tous ceux qui, comme lui, sont disposé à ennoblir la chirurgie.

PÉAN.

(*Translation.*)

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I have assured myself of the surgical, clinical, and operative powers of Dr P. H. Watson, who has proved by his operations, no less than by his writings, that he is entitled to a high position in science, and among many other works, the most remarkable, which appear to me to deserve particular mention, are the following:—

1. His description of a new apparatus for excision of the knee-joints, accurately described in a monograph characterised by facts thoroughly illustrative of the opinions of the author.

2. His apparatus for the treatment of aneurism by compression, which has afforded, in his hands, valuable results in two successful cases on which he makes interesting observations.

3. His treatment by ligature of perforation of the intestines in a case of strangulated hernia, in which he acted with much coolness, and exhibited great surgical erudition.

4. His extraordinary operation upon a tumour in the pterygoid fossa, described with an admirable plate exhibiting its natural size, shows that Dr Watson is well fitted to undertake the most difficult operations in Surgery.

5. His work upon intestinal concretions, in which he describes and figures the mode of formation of stercoral masses, of which

gall-stones form the nucleus, and the procedure best suited to the diagnosis and treatment of such cases.

6. His new apparatus for lithotrity, which appears to me to show, by its easy management and power, the good judgment of the inventor.

7. His cases of the extraction of foreign bodies from the female bladder have furnished him with the materials of an interesting monograph, illustrated by woodcuts, both exact and original, in support of his mode of treatment in cases of great difficulty.

8. His remarks on the treatment of venereal diseases, a work in which the author gives proof of solid erudition, and of his capacity to choose the best path in the midst of the labyrinth of opinions put forth in our day on this important subject.

9. Lastly, his charming address at the opening of the Medical Session at Edinburgh, in October 1866, proving Mr Watson to be willing to devote his life to unremitting labour, and to the pursuit of means for raising the level of his profession, and for encouraging all those who, like himself, are inclined to ennoble the art of Surgery.

PÉAN.

IX.

From PROFESSOR ESMARCH, M.D., *Privy Counsellor, Professor of Surgery and Clinical Surgery in the University of Kiel.*

KIEL *d.* 13 *Juli* 1869.

SEHR GEEHRTER HERR COLLEGE,—Für die Übersendung Ihrer werthvollen Schriften sage ich Ihnen herzlichen Dank. Die meisten derselben sind schon lange in meinem Besitze ; und wie sehr ich die von Ihnen erfundene Methode der Nachbehandelung der Resectionen des Kniegelenkes hochschätze, wird Ihnen die beifolgende Dissertation meines früheren Assistenten, Dr Zerssen, zeigen, in welcher Sie nicht nur Ihre Knie-Schiene, sondern auch mehrere andere der Ihrigen nachgebildeten Schienen für Ellbogen- und Fussgelenk abgebildet finden. Die be-

treffenden Stellen des Textes habe ich roth angestrichen. Ich bediene mich seit Anfang vorigen Jahres ausschliesslich dieser Schienen bei allen Resectionen, und hoffe auch, dass sie in künftigen Kriegen die besten Dienste leisten werden.

Wie ich höre, ist durch den Rücktritt des Herrn Professors Syme der Lehrstuhl der Klinischen Chirurgie an Ihrer Universität erledigt. Da ich der Meinung bin, dass Sie die besten Ansprüche auf diesen Lehrstuhl haben, so hoffe und wünsche ich, dass Sie demnächst zum Nachfolger Syme's erwählt werden, und dass ich bald das Vergnügen haben werde, Sie persönlich in dieser Stellung kennen zu lernen. Ich habe nämlich die Absicht, in den nächsten Osterferien Schottland zu besuchen, um von Ihnen und andern dortigen Collegen viel Neues zu lernen.

ESMARCH.

(*Translation.*)

KIEL, 13*th July* 1869.

VERY RESPECTED COLLEAGUE,—I thank you heartily for sending me your valuable publications. Most of these I have long possessed; and the enclosed dissertation by my former assistant, Dr Zerssen,* will show you how very highly I value the method you have introduced for treating cases after excision of the knee-joint. In this dissertation you will also find figures illustrating the splints which you have invented for the elbow and foot joints. I have marked with red the passages bearing on these points. For the last two years I have exclusively used your splints in all operations, and believe that in any future wars they will prove of the greatest service.

I have recently learned that the Chair of Clinical Surgery in your University is vacant, through the retirement of Professor Syme. As in my opinion you have the best claim to this Chair, I hope and trust that you will be chosen as Professor Syme's successor, and that I shall soon have the pleasure of making your acquaintance personally in this position, as it is my intention to visit Scotland during the next

* See Extracts, p. 29.

Easter holidays, when I expect to learn much that is new from you and other colleagues there.

ESMARCH.

X.

From FERDINAND ARLT, M.D., *Professor in the Imperial University; Surgeon to the Josephs' Hospital, Vienna, &c. &c.*

WIEN.

HOCHGEEHRTER HERR,—Indem ich Ihnen für die übersendeten Abhandlungen aus dem Gebiete der Chirurgie und Ophthalmologie verbindlichst danke, freue ich mich, Ihnen sagen zu können, dass ich dieselben für sehr gut halte, und dass auch Professor Pitta, dem ich dieselben zur Einsicht überliess, sich in gleicher Weise sehr anerkennend über Ihren Inhalt aussprach. Sie waren übrigens mir sowohl als dem Professor Pitta aus Ihren Schriften bereits auf's Vortheilhafteste bekannt, und wir wünschen recht sehr, dass Sie auch in Ihrem Vaterlande die gebührende Anerkennung finden mögen, und dass man Ihnen eine Stellung geben möge, in welcher Sie Ihre Kenntnisse und Ihre Talente zum Besten der Kranken und der Wissenschaft anzuwenden vermögen.—Genehmigen Sie den Ausdruck aufrichtiger Hochachtung von Ihrem ergebensten.

F. ARLT.

(*Translation.*)

VIENNA.

HONOURED SIR,—In thanking you most sincerely for the Surgical and Ophthalmologic treatises you have kindly sent me, it gives me great pleasure to tell you that I highly estimate their scientific value, and that Professor Pitta, to whom I lent them for perusal, has expressed his cordial concurrence in this opinion.

You were already most favourably known to both of us by your previous writings, and we fondly hope, also, that in your

native country they will be appreciated as they deserve, and that they may secure for you a position in which your talents and acquirements will be made fully available for the benefit of the sick and for the promotion of science.

Accept an expression of sincere respect from your humble servant,

F. ARLT.

XI.

From HERRN DOCTOR TEODOR LUDWIG BISCHOFF, *Professor der Anatomie und Physiologie in the University of Munich.*

18*ten Juli* 1869.

SEHR GEEHRTER HERR,—Ich bezeuge mit Vergnügen, dass Ihr Name auch in Deutschland einen guten wissenschaftlichen Ruf besitzt. Stets gerne zu jedem Dienste bereit und mit der Versicherung meiner Hochachtung für Ihre wissenschaftlichen Leistungen und Verdienste, zeichne ich

BISCHOFF.

(*Translation.*)

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the high professional reputation you have acquired in Germany. Allow me to assure you of my willingness to render you any service, and of my high appreciation of your professional merits and achievements.

BISCHOFF.

XII.

From DR HECKER, *Professor der Chirurgie und Director der Chirurgisch-Opthalmologischen Klinik an der Universität Freiburg, Grossherzogthum Baden.*

FREIBURG, 20*th July* 1869.

Obgleich es mir bisher nicht vergönnt war, Herrn Doctor Patrick Watson persönlich kennen zu lernen, und in seinem

Wirkungskreis als Lehrer, Kliniker und Operateur zu beobachten, so ist er mir doch durch seine literarischen Arbeiten und seine Leistungen auf dem Gebiete der operativen Chirurgie reichlich bekannt. Gestüzt hierauf, wie insbesondre auf sein in Druck erschienenes curriculum vita, stehe ich desshalb nicht an, ihn für eine Lehrkanzel der Chirurgie und die Directorei einer chirurgischen Clinik zu erklären.

HECKER.

(*Translation.*)

Although I have not had the pleasure of Dr Patrick Heron Watson's personal acquaintance, and have never seen him at actual work as clinical teacher or operator, he is yet thoroughly known to me through his surgical publications, and his achievements in the department of operative surgery. It is this, in connexion with his public career, which justifies me in saying boldly that I consider him admirably fitted for the chair of a Professor and the duties of a Clinical Lecturer.

HECKER.

XIII.

From Dr Eduard Rindfleisch, *Professor of Pathology in the University of Bonn, and Director of the Institute for Pathological Anatomy.*

Bonn, 20 *Juli* 1869.

Sehr verehrter Herr,—Viele Ihrer wissenschaftlichen Arbeiten waren mir bereits durch unsere Journale und Jahresberichte bekannt, ich bin aber in der That erstaunt über die reiche, alle Gebiete der Chirurgie umfassende Casuistik, über welche Sie verfügen. Nach allen dem kann ich meine aufrichtige Ueberzeugung nur dahin aussprechen, dass mir von rein wissenschaftlichem Standpunkte, allein Dr Watson in hervorragenster Weise

zur Besetzung eines Lehrstuhles der klinischen Chirurgie qualificirt erscheint.

EDUARD RINDFLEISCH.

(*Translation.*)

VERY RESPECTED SIR,—Many of your scientific works were already known to me through the medium of our journals and annual reports, but I am indeed astonished at your full and various statements of cases, which range over the whole domain of surgery. It is this which enables me to express my fullest conviction that, from a purely scientific point of view, Dr Watson is in the most eminent manner qualified to fill the Chair of Clinical Surgery.

EDUARD RINDFLEISCH.

XIV.

From P. GRENSER, M.D., *Late Professorial Assistant in the Polielinic of the University of Leipsic.*

DRESDEN, 21*st Juli* 1869.

Zu meiner grossen Freude sehe ich den Herrn Patrick Heron Watson unter den Bewerbern für den Lehrstuhl der Klinischen Chirurgie in der Universität Edinburgh. Der persönliche Umgang mit Herrn Watson während meines längeren Aufenthaltes in Edinburgh, seine Art des Unterrichtes vom Krankenbette, seine geschickten Operationen, endlich seine umfangreiche schriftstellerische Thätigkeit und Kenntniss der Literatur leisten mir Gewähre dafür, dass Doctor Watson diese wichtige Stelle in der berühmten Schottischen Universität nach allen Seiten völlig auszufüllen vermag.

GRENSER.

(*Translation.*)

It is with very great pleasure that I remark Dr Patrick Heron Watson amongst the candidates for the vacant Chair

of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh. My personal acquaintance with Dr Watson during a prolonged residence in Edinburgh, his method of clinical instruction, his skilful operations, and finally, his extensive literary productions and knowledge of literature, are to me sufficient evidence that Dr Watson is in every respect admirably fitted to discharge the important duties of a Professor in the renowned Scottish University.

GRENSER.

XV.

From Dr Pagenstecher, *Königlicher Hofrath und Director der Augenheilanstalt zu Wiesbaden.*

Wiesbaden, *den* 17 *Juli* 1869.

Es gereicht mir zur grossen Freude, Gelegenheit zu finden, dem Herrn Patrick Heron Watson, M.D., meine ganze Anerkennung in Bezug auf seine literarischen und practischen Leistungen in dem Gebiete der Chirurgie zu zollen. Seine Originalarbeiten sowohl als seine casuistischen Mittheilungen konnten in mir in Betreff des erstern Punktes wohl nie einen Zweifel aufkommen lassen; von seiner ausgezeicheten praktischen Befähigung dagegen habe ich vorgegangenen Winter während meines Aufenthaltes in Edinburgh hinlänglich Gelegenheit gehabt, mich zu überzeugen; insbesondere möchte ich hervorheben, dass die einzeln operativen Fälle, speciell die Resectionen der verschiedensten Gelenkapparate, meine grösste Bewunderung erregten. Eine, nach jeder Richtung hin tüchtige Lehrfähigkeit, vereint mit solchen Leistungen, dürfte wohl den höchsten Anforderungen, die eine Medicinische Facultät zu stellen im Stande ist, vollkommen entsprechen und würde Herr Patrick Heron Watson wohl als ein würdiger Nachfolger des hochverdienten Professor Syme zu betrachten sein.

PAGENSTECHER.

(*Translation.*)

It affords me the greatest pleasure to find an opportunity of presenting to Dr Patrick Heron Watson the assurance of my

deep sense of his literary and practical attainments as a Surgeon. Of his literary powers, sufficient proof is afforded by his original works, and by his reports of cases. Of his eminent practical capacity, on the other hand, I had abundant opportunity of judging during my residence in Edinburgh last winter. In particular, I wish to mention that each one of his operations, and especially the excision of all the various joints, filled me with the greatest admiration.

To these attainments, Dr Patrick Heron Watson unites a teaching talent remarkably developed in all directions; and it is the union of these gifts that peculiarly fits him for meeting all the claims which the Medical Faculty can put forth, and point out Dr Watson as a worthy successor of the illustrious Professor Syme.

PAGENSTECHER.

XVI.

From Dr Ziemssen, *Chief Assistant of the University Clinic, under Professor Langenbeck, in Berlin.*

Aachen, *Juli* 17, 1869.

Durch die Einsicht der wissenschaftlichen Arbeiten des Herrn Patrick Heron Watson, Dr Med., habe ich meine frühere Ansicht bestätigt gefunden, dass derselbe, vermöge seiner reichen Erfahrung und seiner eingehenden chirurgischen Studien, bei Besetzung eines chirurgischen Lehrstuhls, mit Recht eine Berücksichtigung beanspruchen darf; wie andrerseits die Universität Edinburgh in ihm einen Mann finden wird, der ihr wohlbegründetes Renommée aufrecht zu erhalten, ja demselben mit frischer Kraft einen neuen Aufschwung zu geben im Stande ist.

ZIEMSSEN.

(*Translation.*)

Aix-la-Chapelle, *July* 17, 1869.

From my examination of the scientific pamphlets of Dr Patrick Heron Watson, I have confirmed my former opinion—

viz., that that gentleman, in virtue of his extensive experience and corresponding surgical studies, can with justice lay claim to consideration with regard to the appointment to the Chair of Clinical Surgery; while the University of Edinburgh would find in him a man thoroughly capable, not only of sustaining, but also of more widely extending, its already well-grounded reputation, through his energy and efficiency.

ZIEMSSEN.

XVII.

From S. D. Gross, M.D., *Professor of Surgery and Clinical Surgery in the University of Pennsylvania; Surgeon to the Philadelphia Hospital.*

September 18, 1868.

Dear Dr Watson,—I am much obliged to you for the copy of your work on excision of the knee-joint, and also for the accompanying papers, of all of which I shall make a good use on my return to America. Your reputation as an ingenious and accomplished surgeon was well known to me long before my visit to Europe, and I shall hereafter take a greater interest in your career, because, as I learned yesterday, you are the son-in-law of the late Professor James Miller, a name dear to every lover of surgical science and literature.

S. D. GROSS.

XVIII.

From Sir Andrew Smith, M.D., F.R.C.S.E. Hon.; *late Director-General Army Medical Department.*

I certify that Patrick Heron Watson, M.D., late Assistant-Surgeon, Royal Artillery, served in the Army Medical Department from the 24th December 1854 to the 20th August 1856, part of the time in this country, and the remainder with the army in the East.

I have further the pleasure to certify, that during the whole period he was employed in the public service, he showed great attention to his duties, and proved himself an able and zealous Medical Officer. When Mr Watson informed me, after his return from the Crimea, that it was his intention to retire, with a view to direct his attention to private practice, I felt that the Department would, if he continued firm to his purpose, lose a gentleman I wished to remain in it.

ANDREW SMITH.

XIX.

From the late SIR WILLIAM LAWRENCE, Bart., F.R.S., F.R.C.S.; *Sergeant Surgeon to her Majesty the Queen; Surgeon, and Lecturer on Surgery, St Bartholomew's Hospital.*

WHITEHALL PLACE.

MY DEAR SIR,—If a stranger like myself should meddle with a professional election in Edinburgh, he might be regarded, and not very unjustly, as an officious intruder. I must, however, add my firm opinion, that your intelligence and devotion for so many years, under the most favourable circumstances, to the scientific and practical study of our profession, qualify you eminently for the important duties of teaching, in which I cannot doubt that you would render good service to the public.—

WM. LAWRENCE.

XX.

From Sir THOMAS WATSON, Bart., M.D. Cantab.; Hon. LL.D. Cantab.; Hon. D.C.L. Oxon; F.R.Q.C.P. Irel. (Hon.); Censor; F.R.C.P., F.R.S.; *Member of the Council of King's College, London; Physician Extraordinary to Her Majesty the Queen; Consulting Physician, King's College Hospital; late President of the Royal College of Physicians, London, and Member of the General Council; formerly Fellow of St John's College, Cambridge, and Physician to the Middlesex Hospital.*

16 HENRIETTA STREET, CAVENDISH SQUARE,
LONDON, 17*th July* 1869.

The large and multiform experience of Dr P. H. Watson, and his numerous and valuable contributions to medical science, leave no doubt on my mind that he is highly qualified for the duties appertaining to the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh.

THOMAS WATSON.

XXI.

From JAMES PAGET, Esq., F.R.C.S., D.C.L. Oxon., F.R.S.; *Member of Senate, University of London; Member of Council, Royal College of Surgeons; Fellow Royal Medico-Chirurgical Society; Hon. Member, Cambridge Philosophical Society; Surgeon Extraordinary to H.M. the Queen; Surgeon to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; Surgeon, St Bartholomew's Hospital and Christ's Hospital; Lecturer on Surgery, St Bartholomew's Hospital.*

The good report which Mr P. H. Watson enjoys in Edinburgh, the high merit of his published works, and the sound knowledge of surgery which I have observed in correspondence with him, make me sure that he has just claims for favourable consideration among the candidates for the Professorship of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh.

JAMES PAGET.

XXII.

From JAMES MATTHEWS DUNCAN, M.M., M.D., F.R.C.P.; *Fellow and Member of Council, Royal Society of Edinburgh; Physician and Clinical Lecturer on Diseases of Women, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh; formerly Examiner on Midwifery and Diseases of Women and Children to the University of St Andrews; Physician to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children; Lecturer on Midwifery and Diseases of Women and Children, Royal College of Surgeons; Honorary Fellow, Obstetrical Society of London; Member of the Hunterian Society, and Fellow of the North of England Obstetrical Society, &c. &c. &c.*

Dr P. H. Watson is well known to me, and it affords me pleasure to testify my high appreciation of his character and talents. These, indeed, are sufficiently shown by the great position which he already occupies, and which he has won for himself by energy and diligence in professional pursuits. He is an experienced and successful teacher, and a clear and fluent speaker. I have heard Dr Watson read several papers to the Medico-Chirurgical Society, and I have otherwise paid attention to his surgical work, and it appears to me to be of very high character in a scientific and literary point of view. I regard Dr Watson as in every way very highly qualified to fill the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh.

J. MATTHEWS DUNCAN.

XXIII.

From JOHN ADAMS, F.R.C.S. Eng.; *Consulting Surgeon to the London Hospital; Member of Council, Royal College of Surgeons.*

4 ST HELEN'S PLACE, *June* 29, 1864.

Dr Watson is known to me as a surgeon of great eminence, and as a Lecturer on Surgery. From his general scientific attainments as a surgeon, I consider him well qualified to fill the Chair of Surgery in the University of Edinburgh.

JOHN ADAMS.

EXTRACT *from reply to a letter asking permission to employ the foregoing.*

10 FINSBURY CIRCUS, LONDON,
July 17*th*, 1869.

I am familiar with his writings on various surgical subjects, and have no hesitation in stating that I consider him well qualified to fill the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh.

JOHN ADAMS.

XXIV.

From the late JOSEPH TOYNBEE, Esq., F.R.S., F.R.C.S.; *Aural Surgeon, St Mary's Hospital, and Lecturer on Aural Surgery, St Mary's Hospital Medical School.*

18 SAVILE ROW, BURLINGTON GARDENS, W.

From the opportunities I have had of becoming acquainted with the qualifications of Mr Patrick Heron Watson, I have no doubt that if elected to the Chair of Surgery in the University of Edinburgh, he will perform its duties to the honour of the University and with advantage to the science of Surgery.

JOSEPH TOYNBEE.

XXV.

From A. WATSON WEMYSS, Esq., M.D., F.R.S., F.R.C.S.; *formerly Surgeon and Consulting Surgeon, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.*

DENBRAE, ST ANDREWS.

Having had the pleasure of being acquainted with Dr P. H. Watson since he became a Practitioner and Lecturer on Surgery in Edinburgh, I consider him well qualified to fill the vacant Chair of Surgery in the University for which he is now a Candidate.

A. W. WEMYSS.

XXVI.

From FREDERICK C. SKEY, Esq. F.R.C.S. Eng.; *Member of the Court of Examiners; F.R.S.; Consulting Surgeon, St Bartholomew's Hospital, Great Northern Hospital, and to the Charter-House; late Professor of Surgery, Royal College of Surgeons.*

24 MOUNT STREET, GROSVENOR SQUARE,
LONDON, *July* 1869.

I have the pleasure of knowing Dr P. H. Watson chiefly through the medium of his published works. I have a high respect for his professional acquirements, which are of a superior order, and as regards the essential requirements of knowledge, qualify him in an eminent degree for the important office of Professor of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh.

F. C. SKEY.

XXVII.

From RICHARD QUAIN, Esq., F.R.C.S. Eng.; *President of the Royal College of Surgeons, England; Fellow of the Royal Society; Honorary Fellow of the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Edinburgh; Surgeon Extraordinary to the Queen; Emeritus Professor of Clinical Surgery, University College; Lecturer on Surgery, University College Hospital.*

32 CAVENDISH SQUARE, LONDON,
19*th July* 1869.

Having carefully considered the details of Dr Watson's professional career, I have arrived at the conclusion that, step by step—in the army on active service, in hospitals, and in teaching—his course has been excellently calculated to fit an able man for the office of teacher of Practical Surgery in an hospital—a Professorship of Clinical Surgery, so called.

His published writings at the same time—the subjects of his essays as well—give evidence to his practical skill, and to his aptitude for acquiring and communicating practical knowledge in that form.

I would add that, upon one occasion, when engaged with others in conducting an important medical enquiry on behalf of the military and naval services, I was very favourably impressed by the evidence given by Dr Watson—by the fulness of knowledge and the clearness he displayed in that evidence.

The foregoing facts go a long way towards the proof, to my mind, of Dr Watson's fitness for the office of clinical teacher in a great school, and therefore, in some degree, I hope, justify me in acceding to his request that I would state the opinion I have formed. But they are necessarily wanting as regards the success which has attended his efforts as a teacher, an acquaintance with which can only be acquired at the seat of his labours.

RICHARD QUAIN.

XXVIII.

From ROBERT W. SMITH, Esq., M.D. Dub., F.R.C.S.I., L., M.R.I.S.; *Professor of Surgery in the University of Dublin; Surgeon in Richmond, Whitworth, and Hardwick Hospitals, and Sir P. Dunn's Hospital; Fellow of the Royal Medico-Chirurgical Society, London; Honorary Member of the Medical Society, Paris; Secretary of the Pathological Society, Dublin; Member of the Surgical Society, Ireland; Honorary Member of the Medical Societies of Stockholm and Edinburgh; formerly Surgeon of the Talbot General Dispensary, Lunatic Asylum, Isl. Br.; Lecturer on Forensic Medicine, and Surgeon to Richmond Hospital School of Medicine.*

63 ECCLES STREET, DUBLIN,
July 15, 1869

Dr Watson's high character as a scientific surgeon, and dexterous and able operator, are so well known as scarcely to stand in need of a testimonial; but his seeking for the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh offers so favourable an opportunity of expressing my opinion of his qualifications for that very important office, that I gladly avail myself of it. He will, if elected, have a difficult task before him, for he will be the successor of Professor Syme; but that

he is fully equal to it is abundantly evident from his whole professional career. As a lecturer, and as an operator, he has been eminently successful; and the value of his published contributions to surgical science has been universally acknowledged. He is one of those who possess that combination of talent, industry, and enthusiasm, with a pure love of truth, which is sure to elevate him still higher in his profession.

I am of opinion that he is, in a degree not frequently met with, qualified to perform the duties connected with the Chair of Clinical Surgery with credit to himself and to those entrusted to his care.

ROBERT WILLIAM SMITH.

XXIX.

From WILLIAM KEITH, Esq., M.D., M.R.C.S. Eng.; *Senior Surgeon and Lecturer on Clinical Surgery, Aberdeen Royal Infirmary and Aberdeen University; Member of the Medico-Chirurgical Society, Aberdeen.*

163 UNION STREET, ABERDEEN,
14*th July* 1869.

That Dr P. H. Watson has long been well known to and highly esteemed by me as a surgeon of great ability—indeed, eminent in every branch of his profession. The University of Edinburgh may be congratulated on having a candidate for the vacant Chair of Clinical Surgery so thoroughly fitted to fill it with credit to himself and profit to the Edinburgh School of Medicine and Surgery, is certified by

WILLIAM KEITH.

XXX.

From WILLIAM PIRRIE, Esq., A.M., M.D.C.M., F.R.S.; *Professor of Surgery, University of Aberdeen; Surgeon, Aberdeen Royal Infirmary.*

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN,
21*st July* 1869.

I have the greatest pleasure in certifying that I have the highest respect for Dr Watson, as an admirable Surgeon and as

a most instructive teacher of Surgery; and that I consider his qualifications for being a Professor of Surgery are of the highest order.

WILLIAM PIRRIE.

XXXI.

From BARNARD HOLT, Esq., F.R.C.S.; *Senior Surgeon and Lecturer on Surgery, Westminster Hospital; Fellow of the Royal Medico-Chirurgical Society; Member of the Pathological Society; Corresponding Member, Society Med. et Nat. de Bruxelles.*

I have very great pleasure in bearing my testimony to the very high professional qualifications of Dr P. H. Watson. Dr Watson has so thoroughly proved himself a scientific and practical surgeon, and his writings are so valuable, that I have no hesitation in at once expressing my opinion of his eligibility for the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh.

BARNARD HOLT.

XXXII.

From HENRY LEE, Esq., F.R.C.S. Eng.; *Surgeon, St George's Hospital; Consulting Surgeon, Queen Charlotte's Lying-in Hospital; formerly Surgeon, King's College Hospital; late Demonstrator of Anatomy, King's College; Honorary Fellow, King's College; Fellow of the Royal Medico-Chirurgical Society.*

9 SAVILE ROW, LONDON, *July* 10, 1869.

DEAR SIR,—The exalted position which you have long held as one of the leading surgeons of Great Britain, renders any word from me superfluous; at the same time I may be allowed to express my conviction that, if a combination of literary talent of the first order, matured surgical experience, and deep scientific and clinical research, are among the qualifications required for the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh, your friends may, with the greatest confidence, expect to see you placed in that honourable position.

HENRY LEE.

XXXIII.

From William S. Savory, M.B. Lond.; F.R.C.S. Lond.; *Surgeon and Lecturer on General Anatomy and Physiology, St Bartholomew's Hospital; late Professor of Comparative Anatomy and Physiology, Royal College of Surgeons, England; and Examiner on Physiology, University of London.*

66 Brook Street.

Dear Sir,—I do not know that I can or need add anything to the opinion I expressed of your qualifications for the Chair of Surgery five years ago. Of course, you are quite welcome to make any use you please of that, but I cannot conceive that in your position you can require testimonials of any sort.

Wm. S. SAVORY.

June 27th, 1864.

Dear Sir,—As you wish me to express an opinion, I cannot hesitate to say it appears to me that you possess peculiarly high qualifications for the Chair of Surgery in the University of Edinburgh. But surely the evidence of your past career must be sufficient, and the best testimony which can be offered. I cannot imagine any better preparation for the appointment you seek than the duties of the offices you have already filled, and the work you have done.

Wm. S. SAVORY.

XXXIV.

From Samuel G. Wilmot, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S.I.; *Member of Council and Ex-President, Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland; Visiting Surgeon, Steeven's Hospital Medical College; Consulting Surgeon, Coombe's Lying-in Hospital.*

I feel sincere pleasure in bearing testimony to the very high surgical attainments of Dr P. H. Watson, who is a candidate for the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of

Edinburgh. The several very valuable contributions to Surgery bearing Dr Watson's name prove that he possesses a masterly knowledge of the subject, a thoroughly practical mind, and superior power of conveying instruction. Such qualities stamp him as a first-rate surgical writer, but they also indicate his possession of those acquirements which are expected to be found in one called on to fill the distinguished position of Lecturer on Surgery in an eminent University.

SAMUEL G. WILMOT.

XXXV.

From ALFRED S. TAYLOR, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.P. Lon., F.R.S.; *Professor of Medical Jurisprudence and Chemistry, Guy's Hospital.*

15 ST JAMES'S TERRACE, REGENT'S PARK,
LONDON, *July* 15, 1869.

I have great pleasure in recommending Dr Patrick H. Watson, as a candidate for the office of Professor of Clinical Surgery in University of Edinburgh. He is personally known to me, and I am acquainted with his writings on a variety of subjects connected with practical surgery. I consider him to be well qualified to act as Clinical Professor of Surgery.

ALFRED S. TAYLOR.

XXXVI.

From JOHN GAY, Esq., F.R.C.S.; *Senior Surgeon of the Great Northern Hospital; Consulting Surgeon of the Idiot Asylum, Earlswood; formerly Surgeon to the Royal Free Hospital; Vice-President of the Medical Society of London; Fellow of the Royal Medico-Chirurgical Society; Member of the Pathological Society; Honorary and Corresponding Fellow of the Pathological Society, C. P. S., New York; Medico-Chirurgical Society, University College, New York; Honorary Member of the Brooklyn Medico-Chirurgical Institute.*

10 FINSBURY SQUARE,, LONDON,
15*th July* 1869.

DEAR SIR,—I have much pleasure in offering my opinion as

to your fitness to fill the vacant Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh, and have no doubt but that it is one in which the profession at large must concur.

Although I believe personally unknown to each other, I am familiar with many of the facts of your professional life,—of your having, during a comparatively brief career, attained to the highest honours that the profession and other scientific bodies can bestow upon you,—of your having contributed to our literature works on a variety of topics which have commanded very general attention and respect by their scientific and practical worth,—and of your having been called upon to fill the most distinguished positions, as well in connexion with the *practice* as with the *teaching* of surgery; and from such facts I cannot but feel assured that you are eminently qualified to fill the Chair to which you aspire; and that, moreover, in the event of your attaining it, you will maintain for it that high and honourable reputation which it has so long and so deservedly enjoyed.

JOHN GAY.

XXXVII.

From SIR GEORGE DUNCAN GIBB, Bart., M.A., M.D., F.G.S., LL.D. (Hon.) Quebec; *Fellow of the Medical, Royal Medico-Chirurgical, and Anthropological Societies, London; Member of the Pathological Society, and British Medical Association; Member of many Societies and Academies in Europe and America; Assistant Physician and Lecturer on Forensic Medicine, Westminster Hospital; late Physician, West London Hospital.*

1 BRYANSTON STREET, PORTMAN SQUARE,
LONDON, 14*th July* 1869.

The great and continued experience which Dr P. H. Watson has had as a surgical teacher for many years, his well-known skill as a successful operating surgeon, and the scientific value of his contributions to medical science, give him claims of the very first rank for the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh. Indeed, the qualifications which Dr Watson

possesses of earnest, good, and solid clinical work, so eminently point to him as the surgeon best fitted for the Chair in question, that in my opinion he would prove not only an acquisition to the University as a clinical teacher, but more likely than any other with whom I am acquainted to sustain its high reputation. Without any flattery, I can truly say that Dr Watson is well known out of Scotland to a large number of his medical brethren as one of the most able surgeons of the day; and, in expressing my individual opinion, I can honestly say that his election to the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh would be putting the right man in the right place.

G. DUNCAN GIBB, BART.

XXXVIII.

From CARSTEN HOLTHOUSE, Esq., F.R.C.S. Eng.; *Surgeon and Lecturer on Surgery, Westminster Hospital; Late Surgeon, Surrey Ophthalmic Hospital, and Civil Hospital, Smyrna; Fellow of the Royal Medical Surgical Society; Member of the Pathological and Clinical Societies; President of the Westminster Hospital and Medical Surgical Society.*

2 STOREY'S GATE, LONDON, *July* 12, 1869.

DEAR SIR,—Although I cannot refuse your request, I feel it almost an act of presumption to testify to the qualifications of one so well known and deservedly possessing so wide a reputation as yours. Your written works ought to have far more weight with the electors than any recommendation from so humble an individual as myself. I have no hesitation, however, in expressing my opinion of your eminent fitness for the Chair of Clinical Surgery now vacant in the University of Edinburgh.

CARSTEN HOLTHOUSE.

XXXIX.

From James H. Wharton Esq., A.M., M.B., T.C. Dub.; F.R.C.S. Edin., Lond.; *Surgeon to the Meath Hospital, County Dublin Infirmary, and Cork St George's Hospital; Senior Lecturer on Surgery, Ledwich School of Medicine; Examiner in Surgery, University of Dublin; Extraordinary Examiner in Surgery, Queen's University; late Surgeon Adelaide Hospital; Member of the Council of Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland, and Surgical Society, Ireland; Member of the Pathological and Royal Dublin Societies.*

27 Upper Merrion Street, Dublin,
15*th July* 1869.

Dear Sir,—It would give me great pleasure indeed to assist you in your present design to obtain the Chair of Surgery at Edinburgh, and still greater to congratulate you on your success. I have now for several years been a surgical teacher and lecturer, and rejoice to learn, from your most interesting and valuable publications, that they abound in principles rather than details. Were lecturers in the school theatre more accustomed to inculcate the former, I am sure that students would not be so apt to complain of weariness and uselessness, as they term it, of listening to what they could read at their own leisure. It is in accordance with such views I so frequently recommend "Miller's Principles" in preference to any other work on the same subject.

I earnestly hope that industry such as yours, and the practical as well as physiological surgery which your writings exhibit, will meet with their own reward.

J. H. WHARTON.

XL.

From W. White Cooper, Esq., F.R.C.S. Eng., *Surgeon-Oculist in Ordinary to Her Majesty the Queen; Consulting Ophthalmic Surgeon of St Mary's Hospital; Consulting Surgeon to the School for Teaching the Blind; Fellow Royal Medico-Chirurgical and Royal Microscopical Societies; Member of the Pathological Society.*

19 Berkeley Square, London, W.,
July 1869.

The numerous and varied contributions to professional literature of Dr Patrick Heron Watson, bear the strongest testimony to his extensive observation, varied resources, great experience, and rare skill, and lead me to regard him as most highly qualified to fill the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh.

W. WHITE COOPER.

XLI.

From Erasmus Wilson, Esq., F.R.S., F.R.C.S. Eng.

17 Henrietta Street, Cavendish Square,
London, *July* 16, 1869.

Dear Sir,—I am acquainted with your writings, and with your zealous pursuit of surgical truth. Of your writings, it is hardly possible to think too favourably; and I sincerely hope that you may be successful in obtaining the appointment which you desire in the University of Edinburgh, for which, in my opinion, you are eminently qualified. The Chair of Clinical Surgery would open to you new opportunities, and a new basis of useful labour.

ERASMUS WILSON.

XLII.

From Robert Druit, Esq., F.R.C.S. Eng ; *President of the Metropolitan Association of Medical Officers of Health ; Honorary Fellow, Pathological Society, Montreal ; Associate, King's College ; Fellow of the Royal Medico-Chirurgical Society ; late Vice-President of the Obstetric Society, London ; Author of "The Surgeon's Vade Mecum."*

37 Hereford Street, Mayfair, London,
14*th July* 1869.

Dear Sir,—The extent and variety of the experience which you have enjoyed, and the depth and thoroughness of your studies, as indicated by your numerous published writings, point you out as competent to fill the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh, and as no unworthy successor of the eminent men who have heretofore filled it. In early life you had the advantage of service with the army in actual warfare, which ought to be the school of the highest surgery. Since that, your experience of Civil Surgery has evidently been large, and your labours have been directed in those directions in which Surgery is most actively extending itself—as lithotrity, excision of joints, the newest methods of checking arterial hæmorrhage, the occlusion of arteries by acupressure, and the modes of effecting this for the cure of aneurism.

With all these evidences of activity and success in the study of your profession, the medical world, at home and abroad, will look upon your appointment as one well earned and fairly bestowed.

R. DRUIT.

XLIII.

From Edward Cutler, Esq., F.R.C.S. Eng. ; *Consulting Surgeon (late Surgeon) for St George's and Lock Hospitals ; late Member of Council of the Royal College of Surgeons.*

15 New Burlington Street,
London, *July* 12, 1869.

Dear Sir,—Though I have not the pleasure of a personal

acquaintance with you, yet, from my knowledge of the important public appointments you have filled, and the scientific works you have published, I have no hesitation in pronouncing that you would be an ornament to the high office of Professor of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh, now vacant.

EDWARD CUTLER.

XLIV.

From HAYNES WALTON, Esq., F.R.C.S. Eng.; *Surgeon, Central London Ophthalmic Hospital; Surgeon, St Mary's Hospital; late Demonstrator of Operative Surgery, and Teacher of Anatomy, St Mary's Hospital Medical School; Fellow of the Royal Medico-Chirurgical Society; Fellow (late Letsom Lecturer) of the Medical Society, London; Member of the Pathological Society; Honorary Fellow of the Pathological Society, Montreal.*

1 BROOK STREET, LONDON,
July 12, 1869.

According to my knowledge of Dr P. H. Watson, I am quite satisfied that he is a proper man for the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh. I believe that his qualifications are of a high order, and that a great many circumstances tend to make him a valuable clinical teacher.

HAYNES WALTON.

XLV.

From WILLIAM ADAMS, Esq., F.R.C.S. Eng.; *Surgeon, Royal Orthopædic and Great Northern Hospital; late Lecturer on Surgery, Grosvenor Place School of Anatomy and Medicine; Demonstrator of Morbid Anatomy, and Conservator of Museum, St Thomas's Hospital; late President Harveian Society; Vice-President, Pathological Society; Fellow of the Royal Medico-Chirurgical Society, Medical Society, London, and Ethnological Society.*

5 HENRIETTA STREET, CAVENDISH SQUARE,
LONDON, *July* 1869.

Dr P. H. Watson being a candidate for the vacant Chair of

Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh, I am glad to have the opportunity of bearing testimony to the qualifications which he prominently possesses for filling such an office.

The high position which he has already attained, in consequence of his well-known contributions to surgical science, as well as to the literature of the profession, and the established reputation he has gained as a surgical teacher, would, I should imagine, render unnecessary any expression of opinion as to his professional acquirements.

Should he be elected, however, to the vacant office, I feel confident that he will discharge its duties with the greatest advantage to the students, and in a manner to reflect additional honour upon the University of which he is already so distinguished a member.

WILLIAM ADAMS, F.R.C.S.

XLVI.

From GEORGE H. PORTER, Esq., A.B., M.B., and M.D., T.C. Dub.; F.R.C.S.I.; *President of the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland; Senior Surgeon, Meath Hospital; Surgeon, Simpson's Hospital; Consulting Surgeon, Coombe Hospital; Member of Council of the Surgical Society of Ireland; Member of the Royal Society, Royal Zoological Society, and Pathological Society, Dublin; &c. &c.*

3 MERRION SQUARE, NORTH, DUBLIN,
July 13, 1869.

It affords me very great pleasure to bear my testimony to the high professional character of Dr P. H. Watson. I have known him by his valuable writings for a long time, and consider him an able cultivator of the Pathology and Practice of Surgery. In every way I deem him highly qualified to fill the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh.

GEORGE H. PORTER.

XLVII.

From EDWARD LEDWICH, Esq., F.R.C.S.I.; *Lecturer on Anatomy and Physiology at Ledwich School of Medicine; Surgeon, Mercer's Hospital, Dublin; Member of Council of the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland.*

7 HARCOURT STREET, DUBLIN,
July 17, 1869.

I have at various times enjoyed the gratification of perusing the very many valuable contributions of Dr P. H. Watson to the Surgical Literature of the present day, and have always considered them to be such as to confer honour both on himself and on the school from which he has derived his qualifications. To a thorough knowledge of the subject which he undertakes to discuss, he adds a style clear and perspicuous, combined with a remarkable degree of vigour and terseness, a characteristic of inestimable value to the clinical teacher, and one highly appreciated by the student class in general. I have been given to understand that Dr Watson is a candidate for the position of Professor of Clinical Surgery in Edinburgh; and, speaking from an experience of twenty years, devoted to the teaching of Surgery and its kindred sciences, I can with great safety assert that I know no one better adapted for that office, or more competent, from his acquirements or associations, to sustain that high character which Edinburgh has deservedly achieved for herself in this particular branch of Medical Education.

EDWARD LEDWICH.

XLVIII.

From HENRY SMITH, Esq., F.R.C.S. Eng.; *Assistant-Surgeon, King's College Hospital; Consulting Surgeon, Westminster General Dispensary; Associate, King's College, London; Corresponding Member, Paris Medical Society; Corresponding Fellow, Pathological Society, Montreal; late President Medical Society, London.*

82 WIMPOLE STREET, CAVENDISH SQUARE,
LONDON, 15*th July* 1869.

Dr Patrick Heron Watson is so well known to the profession at large, as a most earnest cultivator of surgical science, that

it is hardly necessary for any one to give written testimony as to his qualifications for the post of Professor of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh. Dr Watson has shown, both by his practice and by his writings, that he is eminently qualified for such a post.

HENRY SMITH.

XLIX.

From WILLIAM HARGRAVE, Esq., M.B., F.R.C.S.I. ; *Professor of Surgery, R.C.S.I.; Surgeon, City of Dublin Hospital; Ex-President of the R.C.S.I.; Representative of the R.C.S.I., General Council on Medical Education and Registration; Member of the Surgical Society and Royal Dublin Society.*

56 UPPER MOUNT STREET, DUBLIN,
17*th July* 1869.

DEAR SIR,—From the evidence afforded me by your published works on Practical Surgery, you should be fully competent to discharge the responsible duties of Professor of Clinical Surgery.

WILLIAM HARGRAVE.

L.

From RICHARD W. TAMPLIN, F.R.C.S. ; *Surgeon to the Royal Orthopædic Hospital; Fellow, Royal Medico-Chirurgical Society; Fellow, Royal Zoological Society; Hon. Member, Swedish Medical Society of Stockholm.*

OLD BURLINGTON STREET, LONDON.

DEAR SIR,—You are pleased to request my opinion as to your fitness for the office of Professor of Clinical Surgery of the University. In justice to you I am bound to bear my testimony to your ability and fitness for that important post. With every good wish for your success.

R. W. TAMPLIN.

LI.

From JOHN NOTTINGHAM, Esq., F.R.C.S. Eng.; *Senior Surgeon to the Liverpool Southern Hospital; President of the North Liverpool Medical Society; Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society; Fellow of the Royal Society of Northern Antiquarians, Copenhagen; Corresponding Member of the Medical Society of Emulation of Paris, of the Royal Medical Society of Berlin, of the Academy of Medicine and Surgery of Madrid and of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Spain.*

LIVERPOOL, 17*th July* 1869.

I have long known of the well-earned surgical reputation of Dr P. H. Watson, have seen his practice, more especially in connexion with the excision of joints, and have read his surgical writings.

I have the highest appreciation of Dr Watson as an experienced and accomplished surgeon, surgical writer and teacher, and of that happy union of physical, mental, and moral qualities which so eminently fit him for the teaching of surgery.

I am fully persuaded that when elected, Dr Watson will do justice to the Professorship of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh; and will shed a new and telling lustre on a Chair which has long enjoyed an envied fame while occupied by professors of the highest celebrity; and also that such election would not only be highly honourable to the candidate, but, at the same time, a source of the greatest encouragement to students, and of pleasure and pride to the surgeons of the British Isles.

JOHN NOTTINGHAM.

LII.

From EDWARD HAMILTON, Esq., M.D., A.B., M.B. Dub.; *Surgeon, and Lecturer on Anatomy and Physiology, Steeven's Hospital Medical College; late Lecturer on Anatomy, Dublin School of Medicine, Peter Street; Member of Council, Surgical Society, Ireland, and Pathological Society, Dublin; Member of the Royal Zoological Society, Dublin; formerly Assistant to Masters, Coombe Hospital.*

120 ST STEPHEN'S GREEN, DUBLIN,
17*th July* 1869.

MY DEAR DR WATSON,—I have perused with some interest the statement of professional work which you have accomplished, and I consider that it fully entitles you to the consideration of the electors to the Chair of Surgery to which you so fairly aspire.

EDW. HAMILTON.

LIII.

From JOHN Z. LAURENCE, Esq., M.B. Lond.; F.R.C.S. Eng.; *Surgeon to the Hospital for Paralysis and Epilepsy, and Surrey Ophthalmic Hospital, Chatham; Member of the Pathological and Harvcian Societies; Member of the Society of German Naturalists and Physicians, and Heidelberg Ophthalmic Society; Corresponding Member of the Society of Practical Medicine, Paris.*

15 DEVONSHIRE STREET, PORTLAND PLACE,
LONDON, 14*th July* 1869.

However distasteful it is to me to appear in any way to interfere with the affairs of an institution with which I have no connexion, I still cannot refrain from adding my testimony to the surgical qualifications of Dr P. H. Watson. I have not the good fortune to be personally acquainted with him; but I am well acquainted with his contributions to scientific and practical surgery. These have always appeared to me to have been of the first order. This, combined with the great opportunities he

has had of lecturing on surgical subjects, appear to me to render him exceptionally fit for the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh.

J. Z. LAURENCE.

LIV.

From THOMAS W. NUNN, Esq., F.R.C.S. Eng.; *Surgeon, and Lecturer on Operative Surgery, Middlesex Hospital.*

8 STRATFORD PLACE, LONDON,
July 13, 1869.

I have the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with Dr P. H. Watson, and I do not hesitate to say that no one can be better fitted for a Clinical Professor than Dr Watson. Versatility should be a leading characteristic of any teacher of general surgery, it is sufficiently obvious. The proofs of the possession of this quality have been abundantly given by Dr Watson to the medical public, and render any particular reference to his surgical and literary labours superfluous.

THOMAS W. NUNN.

LV.

From JOHN W. HULKE, F.R.C.S. Eng.; F.R.S.; *Assistant-Surgeon, Middlesex Hospital, and Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital; late Assistant-Surgeon, King's College Hospital; and Medical Tutor, King's College; formerly Assistant-Surgeon, British Civil Hospital, Smyrna; and attached to General Hospital before Sebastopol; Fellow of the Royal Medico-Chirurgical Society; Member of the Pathological Society; Honorary Fellow, King's College, London.*

10 BURLINGTON STREET, LONDON,
July 11*th*, 1869.

DEAR SIR,—The reputation you have made, and the position you have acquired in the profession, are the best recommendations you can have for the appointment you are seeking to obtain, and they render quite superfluous any external testi-

mony. I regret that you think it necessary to seek for other testimonials. The more so, because this testimonial system has become so absurd, that expressions of opinion have long ceased to have any real weight in influencing the bestowal of appointments of this kind.

J. W. HULKE.

LVI.

From FREDERICK W. PAVY, Esq., M.D. Lond.; F.R.C.P. Lond.; F.R.S.; *Assistant-Physician and Lecturer on Physiology; formerly Lecturer on Comparative Anatomy, Guy's Hospital; Gulst. Lecturer to the Royal College of Physicians, London,* 1862-63; *Lettsomian Lecturer on Physiology to the Medical Society,* 1859; *Fellow, Royal Medico-Chirurgical Society; Member of the Pathological Society; Corresponding Member, Société Anatom., Paris; Member, and formerly Vice-President of the Paris Medical Society; Fellow of the Medical Society, London.*

35 GROSVENOR STREET, GROSVENOR SQUARE,
LONDON, *July* 20*th*, 1869.

Dr P. H. Watson is so well known in the profession as an able and distinguished surgeon, as well as an experienced teacher, that he possesses, I consider, the highest claims for appointment to the vacant Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh.

F. W. PAVY.

LVII.

From GEORGE HARLEY, Esq., M.D. Edin.; F.R.C.P. Lond.; F.R.C.P. Edin.; F.R.S. and C.S.; *Professor of Medical Jurisprudence, University College; Physician, University College Hospital, Cork; Member of the Royal Academy, Madrid; Royal Academy, Bavaria; Physicians and Medical Society, Wurzburg; Medical Society, Halle, and Microscopical Society, Giessen; Fellow of the Royal Medico-Chirurgical and Obstetrical Societies, London; Member of the Royal Medical Society, Edinburgh, American Medical Society, Paris, and Pathological Society, London; formerly President Paris Medical Society.*

25 HARLEY STREET, CAVENDISH SQUARE,
LONDON, W., 16*th July* 1869.

Not being engaged in the practice of the department of

medicine to which Dr P. H. Watson has devoted himself, I can merely speak as an "outsider" of his special qualifications for the Chair of Clinical Surgery now vacant in the University of Edinburgh. There are, however, several articles from the pen of Dr Watson—such as those on Cancer of the Bladder, Intestinal Concretions, causes of Pyœmia, &c.—belonging as much to the area of physic as of Surgery, the perusal of which has placed it in my power to form a tolerable estimate of his abilities and attainments; and I am glad to say that the opinion thereby formed is that Dr Watson would prove a most able and efficient clinical teacher.

GEORGE HARLEY.

LVIII.

From OSWALD HOME BELL, Esq., M.D., F.R.S., F.R.C.S.; *Professor of Medicine in the University of St Andrews; formerly Assistant-Surgeon, Royal Artillery.*

22*d July* 1869.

I have sincere satisfaction in recording my sense of Dr P. Heron Watson's peculiar fitness to discharge, in the most efficient manner, the duties of the Chair of Clinical Surgery, now vacant in the University of Edinburgh.

Having known Dr Watson throughout his deservedly successful professional career, and having, during the last twelve years, had specially favourable opportunities for weighing his professional acquirements and capabilities, as well as of hearing the opinions entertained regarding these by gentlemen thoroughly competent of judging them, I can conscientiously say that, in common with others, I have invariably had reason to form the highest estimate of Dr Watson's surgical knowledge and skill, and I believe him justly entitled to the preferment he now seeks.

Since I first knew Dr Watson, as the much-valued house-surgeon and friend of the late Dr Richard Mackenzie, and followed him in Her Majesty's service, where, as an officer in the Crimea and Royal Artillery, he earned for himself a high

reputation as a surgeon of singular promise, rare ability, and devotion, I have had constantly recurring opportunities of testing his qualifications as an operator, a teacher, an examiner in surgery in this University, and as a Consulting Surgeon.

His very thorough knowledge of Anatomy and Surgery in all their departments, theoretical and practical; his precision, dexterity, coolness, ready resource, and success as an operator; his very extensive and successful surgical experiences, not only in a large private and consulting surgical practice, but in that of two large metropolitan hospitals; his varied and valuable contributions to Surgery, scientific and applied; his enthusiastic culture of his profession, and his acknowledged acceptability as a clear, concise, able, and interesting teacher,—taken along with his position as a high-minded, well-educated gentleman and scholar,—render Dr Watson, in my opinion, pre-eminently well qualified to succeed a surgeon and teacher so greatly celebrated and so universally esteemed as is Professor Syme. I believe that Dr Watson's election to the Chair would confer honour alike on the University and on the profession; and I am satisfied that in him the honour and dignity so deservedly attaching, through Mr Syme and his predecessors, to the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh would be *most worthily* upheld.

OSWALD HOME BELL.

LIX.

From WILLIAM RUTHERFORD, M.D., F.R.S., M.R.C.S.; *Professor of Physiology in King's College, London; Thesis Gold Medallist; Annual President of the Royal Medical Society; formerly Demonstrator of Anatomy in the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh.*

July 19, 1869.

MY DEAR DR WATSON,—It affords me sincere pleasure to comply with your request to express my opinion of your qualifications for the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh.

I believe you to be thoroughly able to fill that Chair in a manner such as will maintain the brilliant reputation which its great occupant, Mr Syme, has obtained for it, because you have an accurate knowledge of anatomy. You have a thorough knowledge of the literature of surgery. Your practice of surgery is most successful. You have a remarkable power of promptly and yet cautiously deciding as to the nature and treatment of difficult surgical cases. You are a most dexterous and successful operator. You can express surgical principles with a rare clearness. You have made contributions to surgery which have obtained for you a great and widely-extended reputation. No one acquainted with you can feel surprised that you have proved so acceptable to students. This arises not only from your great ability as a teacher, and as a surgeon, but from your kind and genial manners.

I can only hope that you may be successful in obtaining the Chair for which you are so well qualified.

WILLIAM RUTHERFORD.

LX.

From JOHN CLELAND, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S. Edin. ; *Professor of Anatomy and Physiology, Queen's College, Galway ; Lecturer on Clinical Surgery, Galway Infirmary.*

12*th July* 1869.

Dr P. H. Watson's reputation as a surgeon is too well established to require any comment of mine, but it is a gratification to have this opportunity of stating that since the days when he was House-Surgeon in the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, and I worked under him as a dresser, I have had various occasions to note his dexterity as an operator, his devotion to the art of surgery, and his aptitude in imparting instruction. From time to time also I have perused with interest his account of improvements in Surgery suggested by him, and records of cases successfully treated, which furnish the best evidence of his experience and skill. I have much pleasure in wishing him

success in his candidature for the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh.

JOHN CLELAND.

LXI.

From CHRISTOPHER HEATH, Esq., F.R.C.S. Eng.; *Assistant-Surgeon, University College Hospital; and Teacher of Operative Surgery, University College; late Assistant-Surgeon to, and Lecturer on Anatomy, in the Westminster Hospital; formerly Surgeon to the West of London Hospital, Hammersmith; and Surgeon to St George's and St James's Dispensary; Associate, King's College; Fellow of the Royal Medico-Chirurgical Society; Member of the Pathological Society.*

9 CAVENDISH PLACE, CAVENDISH SQUARE,
10*th July* 1869.

Dr P. H. Watson's reputation as a surgeon stands so high, that it must be almost unnecessary for him to procure testimonials as to his fitness for any office for which he may apply. Although not personally acquainted with Dr Watson, I have long known him by reputation, as one of the leading surgeons of Edinburgh, and from the value of his writings, I should have no doubt that his teaching would be of the greatest advantage to the important class which attend the Edinburgh Professors. As a bold and successful operator, Dr Watson will be able to maintain the credit of the Chair of Clinical Surgery, in a manner not unworthy of its reputation; and as a lecturer, the clear and precise method, which I am informed by his pupils, he adopts, will certainly increase the popularity of the medical school to which he is attached.

CHRISTOPHER HEATH, F.R.C.S.

LXII.

From JOHN C. WORDSWORTH, Esq., F.R.C.S. Eng. (Exam.); *Honorary Member of the Army Medical and Surgical Society; Surgeon, Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital; late Assistant-Surgeon, London Hospital; formerly Surgeon, British Civil Hospital, Smyrna, and on Staff of the Army in Crimea; Demonstrator of Anatomy, London Hospital.*

50 QUEEN ANNE STREET, LONDON, W.,
July 1869.

In my opinion, no one having the reputation of Dr P. H. Watson as a surgeon, lecturer, and author can require any other testimonial as to his qualifications for the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh.

I feel assured that if this important position be intrusted to him, the lustre of that great school of surgery will be brilliantly maintained.

JOHN C. WORDSWORTH.

LXIII.

From BENJAMIN WARD RICHARDSON, Esq., M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P. Lond.; F.R.S.; *President of the Medical Society of London; Fotheringay Gold Medallist*, 1854; *President of St Andrews Medical Graduates' Association; Honorary Fellow of the Society of Scientific Medicine, Berlin; Philosophical Society of America; Imperial Leopold Academy of Natural Science; Philosophical Society, St Andrews; Pathological Society, Montreal; Odontological Society of Great Britain, and Odontological Society of Pennsylvania; Fellow of the Epidemiological Society.*

12 HINDE STREET, LONDON,
July 16*th*, 1869.

DEAR SIR,—If I might be allowed to form a judgment from what I know of your career, and from your work in surgical literature, I should venture to express that no modern surgeon has grasped so many practical subjects with more, and very few with so much, power.

This universality of your knowledge is, to my mind, *cœteris*

paribus, a pre-eminent recommendation for a teacher in a great seat of learning. It is an assurance to the students that the wretchedly impotent system, now too common, of narrowing and specialising the great departments of medicine will receive no favour from you; and it is an assurance to the University, in which you aspire to become Professor of Clinical Surgery, that the true character of university teaching, in its wide and original sense, will be safe if it be placed in your charge. Should this brief line, in simple recognition of your position in surgical science, be of any service to you, it is heartily at your disposal.

B. W. RICHARDSON.

LXIV.

From GEORGE W. CALLENDER, Esq., F.R.C.S. Eng.; *Assistant Surgeon and Lecturer on Surgical Anatomy, St Bartholomew's Hospital; Consulting Surgeon, Westminster Dispensary; Honorary Secretary of the Clinical Society; Fellow of the Royal Medico-Chirurgical Society.*

47 QUEEN ANNE STREET, CAVENDISH SQUARE,
LONDON, *July* 13, 1869.

DEAR SIR,—I consider your position in our profession to be such that no testimonial of mine can add to or strengthen the claims which you may justly put forward in your candidature for the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh.

GEO. W. CALLENDER.

LXV.

From BERKELEY HILL, Esq., F.R.C.S. Eng.; M.B. Lond.; *Assistant Surgeon, University College Hospital: Instructor in use of Surgical Apparatus, University College; Surgeon Out-patients, Lock Hospital; late Demonstrator of Anatomy, University College; Fellow of the Royal Medical and Surgical Society; Member of the Pathological and Harveian Societies.*

14 WEYMOUTH STREET, PORTLAND PLACE,
LONDON, 12*th July* 1869.

DEAR DR WATSON,—I cannot too strongly express my satisfaction on hearing that you are a candidate for the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh. Your great skill in operative surgery, your accurate and extensive knowledge of pathology, and the extremely lucid and practical method you employ in explaining your researches, render you particularly well qualified to fulfil the office of teacher of practical surgery in the University of Edinburgh. Your reputation as a surgeon is too solid and well established among British surgeons to need testimonials. I can only mention the profit I have derived from reading your literary productions from time to time. They are full of well-digested thought, and show you to be thoroughly familiar with the researches of those who may be working at the point you are illustrating. Few men have been more erudite, indefatigable, and skilful than yourself in advancing the knowledge of our art; and I most heartily hope that you may be appointed to the Chair of Clinical Surgery in Edinburgh, the renown of which will not, I am certain, diminish during your tenure, if it be not increased—a difficult task. I shall be happy if any effort of mine can contribute to your success.

BERKELEY HILL.

LXVI.

From WALTER J. COULSON, Esq., F.R.C.S. Eng.; *Surgeon to the Lock Hospital and St Peter's Hospital; late Assistant-Surgeon to St Mary's Hospital, and Curator to St Mary's Hospital Medical School; Member of the Pathological Society; Fellow of the Medical and Royal Medico-Chirurgical Societies.*

29 ST JAMES'S PLACE, ST JAMES'S STREET,
LONDON, S.W., 14*th July* 1869.

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the high character and great professional reputation of Dr Patrick Watson. His writings have made him extensively known in England as a successful practitioner, and one who has done much to advance the art and science of Surgery. From personal knowledge, and from his recognised success as a writer and teacher, I can state with great confidence that should Dr Watson be appointed to the Chair of Clinical Surgery to the Edinburgh University he will, both by his practice and teaching, sustain the high position the University holds in this branch of science.

WALTER J. COULSON.

LXVII.

From BERNARD E. BROADHURST, F.R.C.S. Eng.; *Consulting Surgeon, St Peter's Hospital, Brompton; Surgeon, St George's Hospital, and Royal Orthopædic Hospital; Honorary Surgeon, Royal Hospital, Putney.*

20 GROSVENOR SQUARE.

I have great pleasure in stating that I am well acquainted with the writings of Dr Patrick Heron Watson, and especially with his surgical works. Dr Watson's reputation stands deservedly high among the members of our profession; and I have no hesitation in stating that he is eminently qualified to fill the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh. I feel certain that Dr Watson will so discharge the duties of Professor of Clinical Surgery as to promote the interests of the University.

BERNARD E. BROADHURST.

LXVIII.

From PHILIP CRAMPTON SMYLY, Esq., A.B., M.B., M.D. Dub.; F.R.C.S.I.; *Surgeon, Meath Hospital, and Institution for Diseases of Sick Children; Surgeon, County Dublin Infirmary; Member of the Surgical Society, Ireland; Fellow of the Obstetrical Society, Dublin; Member of the Natural History and Pathological Societies, Dublin.*

4 MERRION SQUARE, N., DUBLIN,
July 1869.

MY DEAR SIR,—Your reputation is so known, even here, that a testimonial from one at such a distance can be of little use. However, at your request, I have no hesitation in saying that you are highly qualified to fill the Chair of Clinical Surgery.

PHILIP CRAMPTON SMYLY.

LXIX.

From J. F. STREATFEILD, Esq. F.R.C.S. Eng.; *Surgeon, Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, Moorfields; and Ophthalmic Surgeon, University College Hospital; late Assistant-Surgeon, British Civil Hospital, Smyrna; Corresponding Member of the Society Imp. Med., Constantinople; Fellow of the Royal Medico-Chirurgical and Microscopical Societies; Member of the Pathological Society and Society of Arts.*

15 UPPER BROOKE STREET, LONDON,
July 13, 1869.

The surgical works and writings of Dr P. H. Watson are of so wide a range, and of so practical a nature, that, judging by them, I have no doubt he is exceedingly well qualified for the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh. But, besides all this, he has not neglected the advantages of some important branches of special practice, as his personal experience, during the Crimean war, and his former appointments at the Eye Infirmary, bear witness. His good name and reputation are so well known in London, that it is only because I am addressing those of the Northern Metropolis, with which he has so much identified himself, that I feel I can say no more but

that I hope the University will do honour to itself and to him, by his appointment to the vacant chair.

J. S. STREATFEILD.

LXX.

From WILLIAM MACCORMACK, Esq., M.A., M.D., F.R C.S.I.; *Surgeon and Lecturer on Clinical Surgery, Belfast General Hospital.*

6 HOWARD STREET, BELFAST,
July 19*th*, 1869.

Dr Patrick Heron Watson's numerous and valuable contributions to surgical literature have made his name familiar to me, as to many others who have not the pleasure of his personal acquaintance. I have been led, not recently, but long since, to form the highest opinion of his ability and professional reputation. I entertain no doubt that, should he be selected, he will worthily, and with advantage to all, occupy the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh.

WILLIAM MACCORMACK.

LXXI.

From W. SPENCER WATSON, Esq., F.R.C.S. Eng.; M.B. Lond.; *Assistant-Surgeon to the Central London Ophthalmic Hospital; formerly Surgeon to the Islington Dispensary; Associate of the King's College; Fellow of the Royal Medico-Chirurgical Society and Medical Society, London; Member of the Pathological and Clinical Societies; and President of King's College Medical Society.*

27 MONTAGUE STREET, RUSSELL SQUARE,
12*th July* 1869.

I have the highest admiration for the professional character of Dr P. H. Watson, whose reputation is of such a kind that no words of mine could in the least affect it. His untiring energy, his brilliant discoveries and improvements in scientific surgery, his voluminous and elaborate treatises on almost every modern operation and appliance in surgery, his clear and ele-

gant style of composition, and his extraordinary skill in the treatment of surgical diseases, place him in the highest position as one of the leading surgeons of the age, and make him undoubtedly the fittest of all the many distinguished surgeons of the northern Universities for the high post to which he aspires.

W. SPENCER WATSON.

LXXII.

From FURNEAUX JORDAN, Esq., F.R.C.S. Eng.; *Fellow of the Royal Middlesex Surgical Society; Surgeon, Queen's Hospital; Professor of Surgery, Queen's College; late President, Middlesex Medical Society.*

16 COLMORE ROW, BIRMINGHAM,
15*th July* 1869.

From his numerous and able contributions to surgical science, his untiring zeal in surgical work, and his high reputation as a teacher and an operator, I am fully convinced that Dr P. H. Watson would most excellently perform the duties of the chair he desires to fill.

FURNEAUX JORDAN.

LXXIII.

From HENRY T. L. ROOKE, Esq., M.D. Edin.; M.R.C.S. Eng.; *Surgeon of Seamen's Hospital Society; formerly Civil Surgeon, British Army Medical Staff, Crimea; Surgeon, Seamen's Hospital-Ship, Dreadnought; Associate, King's College, London.*

26 CROOMBE'S HILL, GREENWICH,
July 20, 1869.

I have much pleasure in saying that I believe Dr P. H. Watson is eminently fitted to fill the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh. It would be presumption for me to write a long encomium on his qualifications and professional talents. His numerous works speak his praises far better and more forcibly than I can, and display both his industry and professional acquirements. I am convinced that if elected to the Chair of Clinical Surgery, Dr P. H. Watson will

maintain, by his teaching, the reputation which that Chair has always had in the University of Edinburgh. I wish him every success.

H. T. L. ROOKE.

LXXIV.

From T. C. WEEDEN COOKE, Esq., M.R.C.S.; *Surgeon, Royal Free Hospital and Cancer Hospital; Ex-President of the Harveian Society; Orator and Fellow of the Medical Society of London; Fellow of the Royal Medico-Chirurgical Society; Member of the Pathological Society.*

76 UPPER BERKELEY STREET, LONDON.

There cannot be a question as to the great services rendered to scientific surgery by Dr P. H. Watson, entitling him to aspire to the highest rank as a teacher and practical worker in the science and art of surgery.

WEEDEN COOKE.

LXXV.

From THOMAS J. ASHTON, Esq., M.R.C.S. Eng.; *Hon. Consulting Surgeon, Marylebone Infirmary; Fellow of the Royal Medico-Chirurgical Society; Member of the Pathological and Harveian Societies; Corresponding Fellow, Pathological Society, Montreal; formerly House Surgeon, University College Hospital.*

31 CAVENDISH SQUARE, LONDON, W.,
14*th July* 1869.

DEAR SIR,—The professional status and the eminent reputation you have achieved as a thoroughly scientific and practical surgeon, in my opinion, must render any testimonial from me, or indeed from any one, quite unnecessary. But it affords me great pleasure, from an intimate acquaintance with your several able and valuable contributions to the science and art of surgery, to express my belief that it will be difficult to find any one better qualified to succeed the eminent Professor who has lately vacated the Chair of Clinical Surgery at the University of Edinburgh.

THOMAS S. ASHTON.

LXXVI.

CHARLES BADER, Esq., M.R.C.S.; *Assistant Ophthalmic Surgeon, and Lecturer on Diseases of the Eye, Guy's Hospital.*

10 FINSBURY CIRCUS, LONDON, E.C.,
July 19, 1869.

DEAR SIR,—Allow me to thank you most sincerely for the numerous articles written by you on surgical subjects. I should think, from the most thorough acquaintance with surgery which they reveal, that none could be more qualified to hold the Chair for Surgery than the writer of these articles. In the pamphlet on syphilis you treat of purulent ophthalmia. Your views upon this dangerous form of inflammation are those which I profess, and my experience has led me to continue the treatment which you propose.

C. BADER.

LXXVII.

From STEVENSON MACADAM, Ph.D., F.R S.; *Lecturer on Chemistry, Royal College of Surgeons; President of the Society of Arts, Edinburgh.*

SURGEONS' HALL, EDINBURGH, 20*th July* 1869.

Dr P. H. Watson has greatly distinguished himself as a Lecturer on Surgery in the Extra-Academical School; and as one of his colleagues, it affords me the greatest pleasure to record the very high esteem which I entertain for his professional attainments. He has been one of the most successful lecturers, and has attracted large classes of students. The numerous papers which he has published at once testify to his thorough knowledge of the departments of Surgery, and his power and desire to advance the Science and Art of Surgery. I am confident that Dr Watson is fully qualified in all respects for the discharge of the responsible duties of any Professorship in Surgery.

STEVENSON MACADAM.

LXXVIII.

From George Southam, Esq., F.R.C.S. Eng., *Lecturer on Surgery and Clinical Surgery in the Royal School of Medicine; Surgeon to the Manchester Royal Infirmary; Fellow of the Royal Medico-Chirurgical Society, London.*

Manchester, *July* 16*th*, 1869.

Dr Patrick H. Watson's attainments have long been known to me through his numerous contributions to surgical literature. He is evidently an excellent practical surgeon, which, combined with his scientific knowledge, qualifies him in an especial manner to undertake the duties of Clinical Surgical Professor in the University of Edinburgh.

GEORGE SOUTHAM.

LXXIX.

From Thomas G. Balfour, M.D., F.R.C.P. Lond., F.R.S.; *Deputy Inspector-General of Hospitals, and Head of the Statistical Department of the Army Medical Board; Member Correspon. Étranger de l'Academiè de Médicine de Belge; Associate Étranger Société d'Anthropologie de Paris; Fellow, Royal Medico-Chirurgical Society.*

London, 10*th July* 1869.

My dear Dr Watson,—As a graduate of the Edinburgh University, and taking a warm interest in the prosperity of my *alma mater*, I shall be well pleased if you succeed in obtaining the Chair for which you are a candidate. From my knowledge of your career, both in the army and in civil life, I can testify to your having taken advantage of every opportunity to add to your stores of knowledge, and to gain practical experience. I also know that you possess the power of communicating your knowledge to others, a qualification of very great importance to a teacher, and particularly valuable in clinical instruction. Your contributions to professional literature afford abundant proof of your mental activity, knowledge, industry, and power of giving clear expression to your views, and will, I trust, have

due weight with those in whose hands the appointment is vested. With every wish for your success.

T. GRAHAM BALFOUR.

LXXX.

From THOMAS LONGMORE, Esq., C.B., F.R.C.S. Eng. (Guy's), *Fellow of the Royal Medico-Chirurgical Society; Corresponding Member of the Chirurgical Society, Paris; Professor of Military Surgery, Army Medical School, Netley.*

ARMY MEDICAL SCHOOL,
ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL, NETLEY,
14*th July* 1869.

I am well acquainted with Dr P. H. Watson, as a former member of the Army Medical Staff, and also by his numerous contributions in aid of the progress of surgical knowledge. I know him to be an industrious, painstaking, conscientious, and thoroughly scientific surgeon, and I am quite convinced that he will do the most ample justice to the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh, should he be elected to fill it.

THOMAS LONGMORE.

LXXXI.

From F. S. B. F. DE CHAUMONT, Esq., M.D.; *Staff-Surgeon and Assistant Professor of Hygiene, Netley.*

ARMY MED. SCH., ROY. VICTORIA HOSP.,
NETLEY, *July* 20, 1869.

MY DEAR WATSON, — Understanding you are a candidate for the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh, I have great pleasure in giving my opinion of your high qualifications for the post. A friendship extending over a long series of years enables me to do so, knowing as I do how steadily and successfully you have devoted yourself to the surgical branch of your profession, the marked skill you have acquired as an operator, and the eminent success which has attended your career as a teacher.

F. DE CHAUMONT.

LXXXII.

From P. DAVIDSON, M.D., Staff Surgeon ; *late Assistant Professor of Pathology, Army Medical School, Netley.*

EDINBURGH.

DEAR WATSON,—I am very glad to hear you have consented to come forward as a candidate for the Chair of Clinical Surgery, an office to which your talents and numerous qualifications are so well adapted.

I can bear ample testimony to the large measure of success which has attended your operations and professional labours generally, and to the value and importance of your many and able contributions to surgical literature. I am well aware also of the untiring zeal and energy you have brought to bear on the performance of your public duties in Edinburgh, and of your great ability as a lecturer on surgical science.

In fact, I have great confidence in saying,—and I feel it no injustice to others to do so,—that I know no one more capable than yourself of undertaking and performing successfully the important duties of this Chair.

P. DAVIDSON.

LXXXIII.

From JAMES MACAULAY, Esq., A.M., M.D., F.R.C.S. ; *Editor of the "Literary Gazette," &c. &c.*

LONDON, *July 20th*, 1869.

Dr Patrick Watson's surgical qualifications are well known to the profession, and few at the same age can point to results of a practice so extensive, varied, and successful. For the Chair of Clinical Surgery he has special claims. He has had large experience as a lecturer and teacher, and is familiar with every branch of the literature as well as the practice of Surgery. What is equally important in a university chair, the mental and moral training of students, as well as mere manual skill,

will be an object of his care. I have often heard my father, Dr Alexander Macaulay, whose long official connexion with the College of Surgeons made him well acquainted with the rising generation of practitioners, say, that he knew no one more likely than Patrick Watson to sustain the credit and honour of the Edinburgh school.

JAMES MACAULAY.

LXXXIV.

From DAVID GREIG, Esq., M.D. Edin.; F.R.C.S. Edin.; *Consulting Surgeon, Dundee Royal Infirmary, and Baldovan Asylum for Imbecile Children; formerly Demonstrator of Anatomy, University of Edinburgh, and Staff-Assistant Surgeon and Pathologist to British Army in Crimea.*

DUNDEE, 14*th July* 1869.

MY DEAR WATSON,—I have very great pleasure in bearing testimony as to your fitness for the Chair of Clinical Surgery, at present vacant by the regretted retirement of Professor Syme. Having known you since the commencement of your medical studies, having been students together, and having seen you following your profession in civil as well as in military life, both at home and abroad, I consider I have had means of forming a truer estimate of your character and abilities than many may have had.

As a student, you had most excellent training in surgery under the immediate care of the late Dr Mackenzie; and since then, for a period of sixteen years, you have had opportunities possessed by few for obtaining a most thorough knowledge of your profession. As a very active military surgeon in the great hospitals on the Bosphorus, and also in camp in the Crimea, you saw an amount of surgical practice, at a comparatively early age, which falls to the lot of very few in a lifetime, and since your return home this experience has been matured and improved by your position as Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, &c.

Your numerous writings, communications to various medical societies, show how much you have profited by your vast and varied surgical experience.

During the last twelve or thirteen years, your success as a teacher of surgery has been very great. Your fluency as a lecturer, the power you have of imparting your surgical enthusiasm to the members of your class, and your beautiful dexterity as an operator, peculiarly fit you for such a Chair as that of Clinical Surgery.

DAVID GREIG, M.D.

LXXXV.

From WILLIAM BENNETT DALBY, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S. Edin.; *Resident Surgeon, Royal Naval Cadet Hospital, Dartmouth; formerly Surgeon to the Royal Naval Hospital, Therapia.*

ROYAL NAVAL CADET HOSPITAL,
DARTMOUTH, *July* 19, 1869.

I have great pleasure in stating that there is no person whom I know more capable of discharging the duties pertaining to the Clinical Chair of Surgery in the University of Edinburgh than Dr P. H. Watson, who, ever since my first acquaintance with him in the Crimean war, has displayed an amount of energy and zeal in the cultivation of the art of Surgery, with such successful results, not only to his patients, but to the profession at large, that I feel certain a more fit person could not be selected.

Dr P. H. Watson is not only a thoroughly good surgeon, but he has also an agreeable and efficient way of imparting his knowledge to others, which renders him especially suitable for the Chair of Clinical Surgery.

WILLM. BENNETT DALBY.

LXXXVI.

From OLIVER PEMBERTON, Esq., M.R.C.S. Eng. ; *Surgeon, Birmingham General Hospital; Professor of Surgery, Queen's College; Corresponding Member of the Society of Surgeons, Paris; Fellow of the Royal Medico-Chirurgical Society.*

18 TEMPLE ROW, BIRMINGHAM,
July 17, 1869.

I have no doubt in expressing my conviction that Dr P. H. Watson possesses in an unusual degree the qualifications essential to a teacher of Clinical Surgery. He informs me that he is a candidate for the professorship of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh, and he requests that I would state the grounds on which, in my judgment, he is qualified to undertake a post so distinguished and responsible. I therefore say that I know that he has most sedulously and accurately cultivated surgical science, as evidenced in his valuable contributions to surgical science, and in his well-known ability and ardour in prosecuting the study of clinical teaching. On these grounds I strongly recommend his claims to the elective body.

OLIVER PEMBERTON.

LXXXVII.

From ALEXANDER G. MILLER, Esq., M.D., Edin. ; F.R.C.S. Edin. ; *Lecturer on Surgery, Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh; Member of the Royal Medical and Medico-Chirurgical Societies, Edinburgh.*

23 CHARLOTTE SQUARE, EDINBURGH,
14*th July* 1869.

Having had the pleasure of Dr Patrick H. Watson's friendship and acquaintance for many years, I have had many opportunities of noticing and appreciating his genial character and eminent professional abilities. For several years Dr Watson assisted my father, the late Professor Miller, both in his practice as a surgeon, and in conducting his class of Systematic

Surgery in the University of Edinburgh, with ability and success, and to the perfect satisfaction of all.

Dr Watson assisted Professor Miller in editing his last great work, "The System of Surgery," and to my knowledge wrote a large portion of the second part of that book. Considering these and the other proofs of Dr Watson's surgical knowledge and skill, I have much pleasure in testifying to his qualifications and eminent fitness to fill the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh; and I am sure that his appointment would tend greatly to improve the clinical teaching, and be a great boon to the students of the Edinburgh School of Surgery.

ALEXANDER G. MILLER.

LXXXVIII.

From ROBERT W. DUNN, Esq., M.R.C.S. Eng.; *Fellow of the Medical Society of London; Member of Pathological, Harveian, and Dialectic Societies of London; and Royal Medical Society, Edinburgh; Surgeon, Farringdon General Dispensary and Jewish Society; Vaccinator, King's College Hospital.*

13 SURREY STREET, STRAND, LONDON, W.C.
14*th July* 1869.

It gives me much pleasure to bear testimony to the eminent fitness of Dr Patrick Heron Watson for the vacant Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh.

During the time I was a student in Edinburgh I was most intimately associated with him, in consequence of my being a dresser and he house-surgeon to the late Dr R. Mackenzie. The opinion I then formed of his abilities have since been more than verified by the great reputation he has earned for himself, both as a *teacher* and *practical surgeon;* and I feel sure that if he is elected to the vacant Chair for which he is now a candidate, that he will fill it with honour and distinction.

R. WILLIAM DUNN.

LXXXIX.

From DONALD P. STEWART, Esq., *Fellow, Royal College of Physicians; Senior President of Hunterian Society; Member of the Medical, Medico-Chirurgical, and Archæological Societies, Glasgow; Medical Officer, Board of Health; Surgeon, Burgh Prison, Kirkintilloch.*

KIRKINTILLOCH, 14*th July* 1869.

MY DEAR DR WATSON,—I heard with great pleasure that you are a Candidate for the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh, vacant by the resignation of Professor Syme.

Will you allow me to offer my opinion of your scientific attainments and general character, and to premise that I do so after a personal acquaintance for nearly twenty years. I believe you have afforded, in your published writings, most satisfactory proof of your capacity for original inquiry, and that you possess a most extensive and accurate knowledge of that department of medical education. You are characterised by indefatigable industry in the acquisition of knowledge by sound criticism and systematic arrangement, and by your well known readiness and clearness in communicating information to others. It is scarcely necessary for me to say, that you hold a very high place in the estimation of your professional brethren, as I know that ample testimony will be borne to your high professional abilities by those whose opinion is of much greater value and weight than mine.

I most sincerely wish you success, not only on your own account, but because I feel sure that in electing you to the vacant Chair, the University of Edinburgh will not only preserve, but will materially tend to increase, its standing among our scientific medical institutions.

DONALD PATRICK STEWART.

XC.

From HENRY E. EASTLAKE, Esq., M.A. and Ph.D., Heidelberg; F.R.Q.C.P. Irel.; *Fellow and Member of Council, Obstetrical Society of London; Fellow of the Obstetrical Society, Dublin; Honorary Fellow, Obstetrical Society of Berlin; Corresponding Member of "Hufelandische Gesellschaft;" Honorary Member Ver. für Heilkunde, Russia; Fellow of the Medical Society of London; Member of the British Medical Association of Exeter; Member of the Royal Medical Society of Edinburgh; Physician-Accoucheur and Physician for Diseases of Women and Children, Marylebone General Dispensary; Physician, Needlewomen's Institution; Consulting Physician and Accoucheur, St Mary's Dispensary for Women and Children.*

48 WELLBECK STREET,
July 14, 1869.

DEAR SIR,—I am delighted to learn that you are a candidate for the appointment of Professor of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh, rendered vacant by the resignation of Professor Syme. Considering the high position you have already attained, and the vast experience you have enjoyed in the practice of Surgery, and also as a Lecturer and Examiner, I may, I trust, be permitted to express my sincere belief that the University of Edinburgh would be fortunate in securing the services of one so eminently fitted for the office you are seeking. By your kindness of manner, you will, I feel sure, rapidly win universal popularity among those students who may, I trust, shortly have the privilege of attending your course of lectures in the University of Edinburgh.

HENRY E. EASTLAKE.

XCI.

From William S. Playfair, Esq., M.D. Edin.; F.R.C.S. Edin.; *late of Her Majesty's Indian Army; Assistant-Surgeon and Official Professor of Surgery at Medical College, Calcutta; Physician to the Evelina Hospital for Sick Children; Departmental Commissioner of Juries, International Exhibition,* 1862; *Fellow of the Obstetrical Society; Member of the Pathological Society; Honorary President of King's College Medical Society; Assistant Physician-Accoucheur, and Assistant Physician for Dispensary of Women and Children, King's College Hospital.*

5 Curzon Street, Mayfair, London,
July 13, 1869.

Dr P. H. Watson has long been well known to me, as to all other Edinburgh graduates, as one of the most distinguished surgeons of the Edinburgh school. I naturally feel great anxiety that the Chair of Clinical Surgery should be filled by some one capable of maintaining its high reputation, and I am confident that Dr Watson would do this work efficiently. Dr Watson's labours on behalf of Surgery are too well known to require any comment, and conclusively prove his fitness for the important appointment he is a candidate for.

W. S. PLAYFAIR.

XCII.

From Frederick Churchill, Esq., M.B. Edin., and C.M.; M.R.C.S. Eng.; *Medical Registrar and Tutor, St Thomas's Hospital; late Pathological Assistant, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh; Member of the Pathological Society; Ext. Member of the Royal Medical Society of Edinburgh.*

Dear Dr Watson,—I have much pleasure in stating that, during four years' residence in Edinburgh, I had frequent opportunities of accompanying you in your visits to the wards, and occasionally assisting you at operations.

During that time my fellow-students frequently remarked to me that "Dr Watson is the only surgeon who gives a full, clear, and explicit statement of the condition of the patient

prior to operation, the circumstances warranting operative interference, and the probable result of such treatment."

A brief outline of every case brought into the operating theatre is imperatively necessary, in order to give the student an opportunity of gaining experience in Practical Surgery, and that he may properly appreciate and understand the various steps of an operation.

With such experience in Clinical teaching, I have no hesitation in stating that you promise well to uphold the credit of the Chair of Clinical Surgery to which you are aspiring, and to follow in the footsteps of its three former successive occupants, who so nobly sustain the glory of our *alma mater*.

F. CHURCHILL.

XCIII.

From WALTER LEAF, Esq., M.A. and Ph.D., M.R.C.S. Eng., and L.S.A.; *late Surgeon West Marylebone General Dispensary.*

14 FURNIVAL'S INN, LONDON, E.C.,
14*th July* 1869.

DEAR SIR,—As one of your earliest pupils, I entertain a grateful remembrance of the advantages I derived from your able and earnest lectures upon Surgery.

Your valuable contributions to Surgical Literature, and long and successful career as a teacher in Edinburgh, eminently fit you, in my opinion, for the post you seek.

WALTER LEAF.

XCIV.

From ANDREW MILLER, Esq., M.D. Edin.; M.R.C.S. Eng.

8 FINCHLEY ROAD, LONDON,
15*th July* 1869.

I have the greatest pleasure in expressing my opinion as to the extreme fitness of Dr P. H. Watson for the Chair of Clinical

Surgery in the University of Edinburgh. He possesses naturally the gift of teaching; his great experience and high qualifications render him peculiarly eligible for the Chair for which he is now a candidate. I speak from personal experience, having had the good fortune to be both pupil and assistant to Dr Watson.

ANDREW MILLER.

XCV.

From LAWRENCE T. CUMBERBATCH, Esq., M.D. St And.; M.R.C.P. Lond.; *Member of the Pathological and Western Medical Surgical Societies; Fellow of the Obstetrical Society.*

25 CADOGAN PLACE, LONDON,
July 19, 1869.

MY DEAR SIR,—It appears to me, from a perusal of your statement and pamphlets, to say nothing of the high position you already hold in the profession, that you are eminently qualified for the post of Professor of Surgery in the University of Edinburgh. If close and special training, by years of honest work in the field of Surgical Pathology, together with no ordinary skill as an operator, constitute high qualifications for the position you seek, then your success should be certain.

L. T. CUMBERBATCH.

ADDITIONAL TESTIMONIALS

IN FAVOUR OF

PATRICK HERON WATSON, M.D.,

F.R.S., F.R.C.S. EDIN.,

LECTURER ON SURGERY, ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS' SCHOOL; EXAMINER IN SURGERY TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS; ONE OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH; SURGEON TO THE ROYAL INFIRMARY, THE LOCK HOSPITAL, AND TO THE CHALMERS HOSPITAL FOR SICK AND HURT; FORMERLY SURGEON TO THE EYE INFIRMARY AND TO THE MAGDALENE ASYLUM;

CANDIDATE

FOR THE

CHAIR OF CLINICAL SURGERY

IN THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.

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From Luigi Porta, M.D., *Professor of Surgery and Clinical Surgery in the University of Pavia.*

Pavia, 23 *Juillet* 1869.

Monsieur le Docteur,—J'ai lu les memoires et brochures que vous avez publiés dans les dernières années, notamment "Sur l'Excision of the Knee-Joint, and Description of the new Apparatus," "On the Treatment of Aneurism by Compression," "Case of Pterygo-maxillary Tumour," "Lithotrity, and the new Lever Lithotrite." Et je ne puis que confirmer le jugement encore une autre fois de votre pleine attitude par votre longue carrière, et vos nombreux travaux sur les points les plus difficiles de la médecine operatoire, d'acquérir la Chaire du Professeur Syme à laquelle vous aspirez.

Veuillez, Monsieur, agréer mes voeux pour le succès de votre concours.

PORTA.

(*Translation.*)

Pavia, *July* 23, 1869.

Sir,—I have read the treatises and pamphlets which you have published of late years, especially "On Excision of the Knee-Joint, and Description of the New Apparatus;" "On the Treatment of Aneurism by Compression;" "Case of Pterygo-maxillary Tumour;" "Lithotrity and the New Lever Lithotrite."

I can only confirm and renew my former judgment, that you are in a position, by your long experience and many labours in the most difficult parts of operative surgery, to obtain the Chair of Professor Syme, to which you aspire.

May I beg you to accept my best wishes for your success in this competition.

PORTA.

II.

From RUDOLPH VIRCHOW, M. et Ph. D.; *Professor of Pathology; Director of the Pathological Institute of Berlin; and Superintending Physician in the Charité-Krankenhaus.*

BERLIN, 25*tem Juli* 1869.

Obwohl mir Herr Patrick Heron Watson persönlich unbekannt ist, so habe ich doch die grosse Reihe wissenschaftlicher Arbeiten, welche er in den letzten zehn Jahren veröffentlicht hat, mit steigender Theilnahme verfolgt, und darin mannigfache Belehrung gefunden. Diese Arbeiten erstrecken sich über ein so weites Gebiet, namentlich der chirurgischen Erfahrung, und sie haben fast durchweg eine so ausgemacht praktische Bezeichnung, dass ich den Eindruck gewonnen habe, es sei Herr Watson für einen Lehrstuhl der Chirurgie vollständig vorbereitet und er werde denselben mit Erfolg und mit Ehren einnehmen. Solches wünsche und bezeuge ich hierdurch sehr gern.

VIRCHOW.

(*Translation.*)

BERLIN, 25*th July* 1869.

Although Dr Patrick Heron Watson is personally unknown to me, I have followed the long series of scientific compositions which he has published during the last ten years with ever-increasing interest, and have derived much information from them. These pamphlets range over such a wide field of surgical experience, and are moreover of such a direct practical tendency, that they have fully impressed me with a belief in Dr Watson's admirable qualifications to fill the Chair of Surgery with distinction and increasing honour. I have, therefore, much pleasure in giving this testimony, and expressing my sincere wishes for his success.

VIRCHOW.

III.

From TH. BILLROTH, M.D., *Professor of Surgery and of Clinical Surgery in the University of Vienna; Surgeon to the allgemeines-Krankenhaus.*

WIEN, *July* 1869.

HOCHGEERTER HERR COLLEGE,—Wenngleich mir ein grosser Theil Ihrer vortrefflichen Arbeiten bereits bekannt war, so hat es mich doch sehr erfreut, dass Sie die Freundlichkeit hatten, mir einige derselben zuzuschicken, da ich auf diese Weise in der Lage bin, mir öfters aus denselben Rath und Belehrung zu holen. Die vielen Bemerkungen, welche Sie über interessante Gegenstände der praktischen Chirurgie aus Ihrer reichen Erfahrung machen, und die wissenschaftlich lehrreiche Form, in welcher Sie dieselben geben, machen Sie unzweifelhaft sehr geeignet, der Lehrer der chirurgischen Klinik aufzutreten, und der Nachfolger Ihres berühmten Chirurgen Syme's zu werden. Ich hoffe, bei meinem nächsten Besuch in Grossbritannien im nächsten Jahr auch das Vergnügen Ihrer persönlichen Bekanntschaft zu erhalten.

TH. BILLROTH.

(*Translation*).

MUCH RESPECTED COLLEAGUE,—Although a large proportion of your valuable compositions were already known to me, it is nevertheless with great pleasure that I acknowledge your kindness in forwarding me some copies of the same, as I am thus enabled to refer to them for advice and information. The numerous observations which your extensive experience enables you to make upon various interesting subjects in connexion with practical Surgery, and the scientific and instructive form into which you have thrown them, prove you incontestably to be well fitted to fill the Chair of Clinical Surgery, and to become the successor of your celebrated surgeon, Professor Syme. I hope to have the pleasure of making your personal acquaintance during my next visit to Great Britain, in the course of the ensuing year.

TH. BILLROTH.

IV.

From M. Léon Lefort, M.D., *Professeur Agrégé de la Faculté de Medicine; Chirurgien de l'Hôpital du Midi.*

Monsieur, et très honoré Collegue,—J'espére que vous ne prendrez pas en mauvaise part le regret que j'éprouve de voir M. Syme se retirer de la vie chirurgicale active. Quelque mérite que puissent avoir ses successeurs, c'est toujours avec peine qu'on voit l'heure de la retraite sonner pour ceux qui ont illustré notre carriere; et quoique M. Syme n'ait pas toujours été bienveillant et juste pour la chirurgie Parisienne ("at present characterised by frivolity, presumption, and total disregard of practical utility," disait il dans une lecture en 1857 ou '58), sa retraite éveille en nous de sincères regrets.

Mais enfin l'age est la loi de nature, et la chirurgie est heureuse de pouvoir compter dans ses rangs des hommes aussi digne que vous de succèder au maître de l'école chirurgicale à Edinburgh.

Je vous remercie de m'avoir envoyé quelques unes de vos publications, dont la liste est déjà si longue et temoigne si bien de votre amour pour notre science. Je connaissais déjà la plupart d'entre elles, mais je les ai relu toutes, non seulement avec l'intérêt qu'on prend à ce qui peut instruire, mais avec l'intérêt qu' y ajoute votre titre de competiteur à la place laissée par la retraite de M. Syme.

Quelques unes du reste avaient pour moi un attrait personnel puisqu' elles traitaient de sujets dont je m'etais moi même occupé.

Je place en tête votre travail sur la résection du genou, car je fais tous mes efforts pour montrer par mon exemple que cette operation ne mérite pas la repulsion qu'on a pour elle en France. J'ai en trois succés personnels, deux autres avec Verneuil, et je vois que vous avez été bien plus souvent encore encouragé par les beaux succés de votre pratique. Votre système de suspension me parait très bon, et je me propose d' y avoir recours à la prochaine occasion, pour combattre la tendance du femur à se porter en avant.

Vos qualités de praticien se revelent dans vos travaux sur la lithotritie, l'extraction des corps étrangers de la vessie, dans vos

operations si bien conçues et si bien conduites ; vos qualités de savant dans les publications où vous faites connaître à vos compatriotes les idées professées en France sur la Syphilographie.

Les fonctions de professeur de Chirurgie exigent non pas seulement un bon Clinicien, un habile operateur, mais aussi un homme au courant de la science nationale et étrangère. Il faut de plus que ses travaux, ses études ne se confinent pas dans un point limité de l'art chirurgical. Ces qualités vous possedez à un haut degré ; et comme chirurgien desireux de voir notre science (qui ne connait ni les passions ni les frontières politiques) représentée, professée partout par ceux qui l'honorent le mieux,—je fais des vœux sincères pour le succès de votre candidature. Veuillez agréer, Monsieur et très honoré confrère, l'assurance de ma haute estime.

LÉON LEFORT.

(*Translation.*)

SIR, AND HONOURED COLLEAGUE,—I hope you will not misunderstand the regret I cannot but feel on seeing the retirement of Mr Syme from active surgical life. Whatever may be the merit of successors, it is always with regret that one hears the hour of retirement strike in the case of those who have made our profession illustrious, and though we have not always considered Mr Syme friendly and just to Parisian Surgery, we hear of his retirement with sincere regret.

It is a happy thing for Surgery to be able to reckon in its ranks men as worthy as you are to succeed to the Master of the Edinburgh Surgical School. I thank you for having sent me some of your publications, the long list of which bears testimony to your love for our science. I was already acquainted with most of them, but I have again read them all, not only with the interest one takes in what is instructive, but with the further interest excited by your being a competitor for the Chair vacated by Mr Syme. Some of your treatises were personally interesting to me, as relating to subjects about which I am occupied.

I place first your work on the excision of the knee-joint, because I am exerting myself to demonstrate by example that this operation does not deserve the opposition it has met with in France. I have myself had three successful operations, and two others with Verneuil, and I see you have been still more frequently encouraged by successful practice. Your system of suspension appears to me good, and I propose to have recourse to it on the first opportunity, to counteract the tendency of the femur to move forwards. Your ability as a practitioner is manifest in your works on Lithotrity—on the extraction of foreign bodies from the bladder; in your operations, well planned and well carried out: your theoretical knowledge, in those publications in which you make known to your countrymen the doctrines generally received in France upon Syphilography. The duties of a Professor of Surgery demand, not only a good bedside practitioner and an able operator, but a man who keeps himself abreast of the science of his own and of other countries. It is also necessary that his labours and his studies should not be confined to a limited portion of the art of Surgery. All these qualifications you possess in a high degree; and I—as a Surgeon desirous of seeing our science (which ignores passion and the difference of countries) represented and professed everywhere by those who honour her most—send you my sincere wishes for the success of your candidature.

LÉON LEFORT.

V.

From J. Marion Sims, M.D., *Senior Consulting Surgeon to the Women's Hospital, New York.*

47 Faubourg St Honoré, Paris,
July 28th, 1869.

Knowing Dr Patrick Heron Watson personally, and being acquainted with his many valuable surgical contributions to the medical literature of the day, and hearing from all sides of his peculiar aptitude as a lecturer, I have no doubt of his eminent fitness for the Professorship of Clinical Surgery.

J. MARION SIMS.

VI.

From William Boeck, M.D.; *Professor of Surgery, Clinical Surgery, and Ophthalmology in the University of Christiania, Norway.*

During my sojourn in Edinburgh I had the pleasure of making the personal acquaintance of Dr Patrick Heron Watson, whom I found to be a man highly interested in his science. I have afterwards seen several of his scientific works, which have convinced me that he would be the right man to occupy the vacant place as Professor of Clinical Surgery at the Edinburgh University.

W. BOECK.

VII.

From Robert Hartmann, M.D., *Professor of Anatomy, and Prosector in the University of Berlin.*

Berlin, *den 27ten Juli* 1869.

Der Unterzeichnete erklärt hiermit, dass er die wissenschaftlichen Abhandlungen des ihm seinem Rufe nach sehr wohlbekannten Herrn Doctor Patrick Heron Watson nicht allein mit

grossem Interesse gelesen, sondern auch mit der Lectüre der selben die Ueberzeugung gewonnen, dass der Verfasser Fleiss, Strebsamkeit, Sachkenntniss umfassende Litteratur-Kenntniss und klare Darstellungsweise besitze. Dr Watson dürfte sich daher wohl zum Nachfolger eines Syme eignen und zwar an einer Hochschule, welche, wie diejenige von Edinburgh, stets wahre Zierden der Wissenschaft unter ihren Lehrern gezählt hat.

ROBERT HARTMANN.

(*Translation.*)

BERLIN, 27*th July* 1869.

The undersigned hereby states that he has read the scientific works of Dr Patrick Heron Watson (whose high reputation is well known to him) with great interest, and that they have, moreover, convinced him that the author is possessed of energy and enterprise, knowledge and understanding of his profession and literature, joined to clearness and precision of expression. These qualifications well fit Dr Watson to become the successor of Professor Syme in a famed medical school like that of Edinburgh, which has been always able to reckon brilliant ornaments of science amongst its professors.

R. HARTMANN.

VIII.

From PROFESSOR JULIUS NICOLAYSEN, *Teacher in Surgery in the University of Christiania, Norway.*

CHRISTIANIA, NORWAY, 21*st July* 1869.

Having had occasion to follow Dr P. H. Watson in his hospital practice, I can declare him an excellent clinical teacher, and as an operator he equals any one in Europe I have seen, as well in capacity as in elegance. As surgical author he has a European reputation.

It is therefore my opinion that Dr Watson in all respects is able to fulfil all the claims which shall be made to the successor of Professor Syme.

JULIUS NICOLAYSEN.

IX.

From A. F. Grön, M.D., *Professorial Assistant in the University of Christiania, Norway.*

July 23*d*, 1869.

During my stay in Edinburgh, in the beginning of this season, I had several times the honour to accompany Dr Watson on his rounds in the surgical wards of the Infirmary, as well as in the Chalmers Hospital. At the same time I saw him perform several operations, on which occasions I observed how well founded Dr Watson's authority and celebrity as a clinical teacher is in England and in other countries. And I had likewise occasion to remark the precision and skill with which he executed his operations. To his other excellent acquirements, Dr Watson joins a most lively interest in his branch of medical science, and a deep and solid study, as his many learned treatises fully testify. Considering what I have seen and heard of Dr Watson, I should think it a great acquisition to the University of Edinburgh if the now vacant Chair of Professor of Clinical Surgery could be filled by Dr Watson.

A. F. GRÖN.

X.

From Frederick J. Gant, Esq., F.R.C.S. Eng. ; *Surgeon to the Royal Free Hospital; Fellow of the Royal Medico-Chirurgical and other Societies.*

August 3, 1869.

I have much pleasure in being permitted to bear testimony to the value of Dr P. H. Watson's contributions to Surgery, with

which I am well acquainted, particularly his essay on "Excision of the Knee-Joint."

The conscientious care evinced in all his surgical investigations, their wide variety, and the eminently practical character of his writings, fully justify Dr Watson's aspiration to the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh.

FREDERICK J. GANT.

XI.

From ALEX. HALLIDAY DOUGLAS, Esq., M.D. Edin.; F.R.C.P. Edin.; *Physician, Chalmers Hospital; formerly Senior Physician, Royal Infirmary; and Lecturer on Clinical Medicine.*

Dr Watson requests me to bear testimony to his qualifications for the Chair of Clinical Surgery.

I have been acquainted with Dr Watson from the commencement of his professional career, and I have been associated with him in various ways. From the outset he addressed himself to the professional engagements of his life with spirit and energy, and, as the result already proves, with great success.

Dr Watson early manifested a preference for Surgery, and his enthusiasm in its prosecution has now stimulated many pupils, while his easy and perspicuous style in teaching is fitted to instruct as well as to attract.

As a practical and an enterprising Surgeon, Dr Watson has gained and deserves the confidence of our profession; as a practitioner, he has attained a popular and influential position; and his writings on subjects connected with Surgery have earned for him an honourable reputation.

I do not know any one who may with more reason aspire to the distinguished position of Professor of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh.

A. HALLIDAY DOUGLAS.

XII.

From WILLIAM R. SANDERS, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.P. Edin. ; B.L. Univ. Montpelier ; *Physician, Royal Infirmary and Public Dispensary, Edinburgh; Lecturer on the Institutes of Medicine and Physiology, and on Clinical Medicine; Conservator of Museum, Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh; Vice-President of the Medico-Chirurgical Society; formerly President of the Royal Medical Society, Edinburgh.*

DEAR DR WATSON,—Your standing as an hospital surgeon, your reputation as a bold and dexterous operator, the improvements you have introduced into surgical practice, and the numerous and important contributions you have made to surgical literature, constitute powerful claims to the Chair of Clinical Surgery ; and as your colleague at the Infirmary and at the Surgeons' Hall School, I can bear ample testimony to your efficiency and success as a lecturer and teacher of the principles and practice of Surgery.

WILLIAM R. SANDERS.

XIII.

From ANGUS MACDONALD, Esq., M.D., M.A., F.R.C.P.E., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.S.E. ; *Lecturer on Materia Medica and Therapeutics, Surgeons' Hall, Edinburgh.*

41 NORTHUMBERLAND STREET, EDINBURGH.

Dr P. H. Watson is widely known to be a Surgeon of great eminence, of very varied and extensive experience, and possessed of brilliant ability as an operator. He has, moreover, made numerous and very valuable contributions to the literature of his art, and as a teacher of Surgery, both in the class-room and by the bedside, he is exceedingly popular, successful, and highly esteemed. On these grounds I venture to add that I believe he is peculiarly well fitted to undertake the duties of Professor of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh, and that, if appointed, he will fully maintain the great reputation of that Chair, earned for it by the illustrious Surgeon by whom it has just been vacated.

ANGUS MACDONALD.

XIV.

From J. Lockhart Clarke, Esq., M.D., F.R.Q.C.P.; *Under-Graduate of the University of London; Fellow of the Royal Society; Royal Medallist* 1864; *Member of the Pathological Society.*

60 Warwick Street, London,
July 24, 1869.

It gives me much pleasure to have the privilege of bearing testimony to the high surgical attainments of Dr Watson, of Edinburgh. Dr Watson is the author of many valuable publications on Practical Surgery and Surgical Pathology, from the perusal of which I have derived much benefit.

I believe that if Dr Watson should be appointed to the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh, he would fill it with distinction, and be found a great acquisition.

J. LOCKHART CLARKE.

XV.

From John L. W. Thudicum, M.D.; *Lecturer on Pathological Chemistry, St Thomas' Hospital; late Lettsomian Professor of Medicine, and Lecturer on Chemistry, Grosvenor Place School of Medicine.*

Kensington, *July* 30, 1869.

Dear Sir,—I have much pleasure in learning that you are a candidate for the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh. I have for some time, and lately again more particularly, perused a number of your publications, and I have been delighted no less with their style than their subject matter. I can clearly see that you handle, with skill and independence, the known resources of Surgery, and that at the same time, what is of the utmost importance in a public teacher, you constantly endeavour to improve, and succeed in enlarging the means of the surgical art. From the point of my particular experience, I can particularly appreciate the improvements which you have applied to Lithotrity and kindred operations. As, in former years, I have had unusually great experience in the excision of

joints after gunshot wounds, I am able to testify to the skill and success with which you have treated by excision a great number of diseased knee-joints. Indeed, there is not a department of Surgery which has not been treated by you in a practical or literary manner; and, from the attention you have given to pyæmia, I have no doubt that in future years you will succeed in greatly diminishing the number of accidents from that disease, which now so frequently mortify the pride and success of surgeons in all parts of the world. The copiousness of your productions, the readiness and success of your resources and practice, and the great variety of your experience, fully entitle you to the honour of the Chair which you are seeking.

J. L. W. THUDICUM, M.D.

XVI.

From SAMUEL PARKER, Esq., M.R.C.S.; *Lecturer on Surgery at the Sheffield School of Medicine; Surgeon to the Sheffield General Infirmary; Consulting Surgeon to the Public Hospital and Dispensary.*

24 GEORGE STREET, SHEFFIELD,
July 22*d*, 1869.

The appointment of Dr Patrick Heron Watson to the vacant Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh could only be hailed with feelings of extreme delight and satisfaction both by the students and professors of that University. In every point of view, whether as a highly cultivated gentleman, or as a painstaking and accomplished surgeon, as well as an experienced teacher of Surgery and Pathology—for which his literary talents and his high Medical and Surgical degrees abundantly testify—he has the highest possible claims to the office. I can wish no better fortune to the University of Edinburgh than to secure the services of Dr Patrick Heron Watson.

SAMUEL PARKER.

XVII.

From ARCHIBALD H. HILSON, Esq., M.D. ; *Surgeon, Bengal Army ; Member of the India Office Medical Board ; late Civil Surgeon, Nynee Tal, N. W. Provinces, India.*

MEDICAL CLUB, SPRING GARDENS, LONDON,
26*th July* 1869.

Having been acquainted with Dr Patrick Heron Watson for many years, it affords me much pleasure to bear testimony to his high claims as a candidate for the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh.

Dr Watson's valuable contributions to the literature of Surgery display a most extensive knowledge of every branch of that department of science, and in particular his monograph on Excision of the Knee-Joint alone stamps him as a man of an original and comprehensive mind.

As a bold and skilful operator, it may be confidently asserted that he is not surpassed by any surgeon in Europe, while his accuracy of diagnosis, and facility of imparting instruction to others, point him out as one well able to maintain the high reputation which the Chair has acquired during its tenure by Mr Syme.

I have good reason to know that his appointment would be hailed with satisfaction by a large proportion of those medical officers of the British and Indian services who have enjoyed the advantage of receiving their professional education at Edinburgh, and who would desire to see the Chair filled by a distinguished surgeon of their own school.

ARCH. H. HILSON.

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KŒNIGSBERG, 31*ten Juli* 1869.

Herr Patrick Heron Watson, M.D., F.R.S., F.R.C.S. Edin., seit einer langen Reihe von Jahren, sowohl als ausübender Chirurg im Frieden wie im Kriege, wie auch als Lehrer seiner Wissenschaft thätig, ist mir aus einer nicht geringen Anzahl wichtiger und interessanter litterarischer Arbeiten bekannt. Nach Allem, was ich von ihm weiss, und nach den Erfolgen, welche Herr Watson als Lehrer in Edinburgh selbst gehabt haben soll, trage ich kein Bedenken, ihn bei seiner Bewerbung um den vacanten clinischen Lehrstuhl an der Universität Edinburgh mit meiner Erklärung zu unterstützen, dass ich ihn für die genannte Stellung durchaus würdig halte.

WAGNER.

Translation.

KONIGSBERG, 31*st July* 1869.

Patrick Heron Watson, M.D., F.R.S., F.R.C.S. Edin., has been known to me for many years, not only as a practical surgeon, both in peace and war, and an efficient teacher of his science, but also as the author of no inconsiderable number of interesting and important literary productions. From all I know of him, and judging from the success which has attended Dr Watson as a teacher in Edinburgh, I have no hesitation in

supporting him as candidate for the vacant Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh, believing him to be admirably qualified for the appointment.

WAGNER.

II.

From HERR DR WILMS, *General-Arzt und Geheimer Sanitätsrath; Dirigirender Arzt der Chirurgischen Abtheilung in dem Bethanien-Krankenhause.*

BERLIN, *2te August* 1869.

Herr Patrick Heron Watson, Medical-Doctor, &c., &c., ist dem Unterzeichneten sowohl durch eine Reihe von ausgezeichneten wissenschaftlichen Abhandlungen, als auch durch seine praktischen Leistungen in dem Gebiete der Chirurgie bekannt geworden, und kann von demselben als vorzüglich geeignet für die Besetzung des durch den Rücktritt des Herrn Professor Syme erledigten Lehrstuhls für Klinische Chirurgie auf das Angelegentlichste empfohlen werden.

WILMS.

(*Translation*).

Patrick Heron Watson, M.D., &c., &c., has become known to me through a long series of important scientific works, as well as through his practical achievements in the department of Surgery. I can recommend him in the strongest way, as eminently fitted to occupy the Chair of Clinical Surgery which has been rendered vacant by the resignation of Professor Syme.

WILMS.

III.

From Dr Bardeleben, *Professor der Chirurgie und Director der Chirurgischen Klinik der Charité an der Universität Berlin (früher in Greifswald); Königl. Preuss. General-Arzt und Geheimer Medicinal-Rath, &c.*

Schiffbauerdamm 18, Berlin,
August 1, 1869.

Hochgeehrter Herr College,—Sie haben vergessen wie vielen Dank ich Ihnen schuldig bin für die freundliche Aufnahme, welche Sie mir im Frühjahr 1868 in Ihrem schönen Edinburgh zu Theil werden liessen, wo ich das Vergnügen hatte, von Ihnen mehrere Operationen mit der grössten Geschicklichkeit ausführen zu sehen, namentlich auch eine durch die eigenthümliche Beschaffenheit des Knochens und die colossale Erweiterung der Gefässe schwierige Amputation des Oberschenkels, bei welcher Sie von der Akupressur Gebrauch machten. Ich bin seit dieser Zeit, wo ich in Ihnen einen so ausgezeichneten Operateur persönlich kennen lernte, Ihren wissenschaftlichen Arbeiten mit doppeltem Interesse gefolgt. Besonders werthvoll erscheint mir die von Ihnen angegebene Art des Verbandes, nach Ressectionen, namentlich des Kniegelenkes, in welcher ich eine weitere Ausbildung und Verbesserung einer Methode erblicke, welche ich selbst früher vielfach angewandt habe, welche Ihnen aber jenseits des Canals kaum bekannt geworden sein wird. Ich kann also schliesslich auf Grund meiner persönlichen Bekanntschaft, sowohl als auch meiner Kenntniss von Ihren Schriften, die Ueberzeugung aussprechen, dass ich Sie in hohem Grade befähigt erachte, als Professor der Klinischen Chirurgie, der würdige Nachfolger des berühmten Syme zu werden. Mit aufrichtiger Verehrung, Ihr Ergebenster

BARDELEBEN.

(*Translation.*)

Schiffbauerdamm 18, Berlin, 1*st August* 1869.

Highly-honoured Colleague,—You have forgotten the many thanks I owe you for the kind reception given me in the

spring of 1868 in your beautiful Edinburgh, where I had the pleasure of seeing you perform several operations with the greatest skill—especially an amputation of the upper part of the thigh, which, from the peculiar formation of the bone, and the extraordinary enlargement of the vessels, was rendered very difficult, and in which you made use of Acupressure.

Since I personally learned to know you as a skilful operator, I have perused your scientific works with double interest.

Your method of employing the plaster-of-Paris bandage in the treatment of resection, particularly of the knee-joint, appears to me especially valuable. In it I recognise an expansion and improvement of a method which I myself had often previously employed, but with which you, on your side of the water, could scarcely have become acquainted.

I can therefore, on the ground of personal acquaintance, as well as from my knowledge of your writings, express the conviction that I consider you eminently fitted to become Professor of Clinical Surgery and a worthy successor of the renowned Syme. With sincere respect, your devoted

BARDELEBEN.

IV.

1030 Chester Street, Philadelphia,
July 27, 1869.

From Joseph Pancoast, M.D., *Professor of General, Special, and Surgical Anatomy in Jefferson Medical College; Lecturer on Clinical Surgery, Philadelphia, United States of America, &c. &c.*

Among the surgeons of Scotland destined to fill the places of those whose names have become historic, no one, it seems to us in America, has more fairly won a high rank, than Mr Patrick Heron Watson, of Edinburgh.

The various papers which he has contributed to the *Edinburgh Medical Journal,* and other medical periodicals of Great Britain, are well known to the surgeons of this country, and

are appreciated here as the works of one who has already made many very useful improvements in surgical science.

That on Excision of the Knee-Joint we consider one of the best, if not the best, practical guide to the young surgeon in an operation of the highest consequence.

In case Mr Watson should be so happy as to become the favoured applicant for the important Chair of Clinical Surgery in the renowned institution of the Edinburgh University, we should feel assured in this country that the place was honourably and worthily filled.

JOSEPH PANCOAST, M.D.

V.

From S. D. Gross, M.D., *Professor of Surgery and Clinical Surgery in the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, United States of America.*

July 27*th*, 1869.

Dr Patrick H. Watson, of Edinburgh, is, I am informed, a candidate for the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the celebrated University of that city, and one of his friends has written to me to express my opinion as to his fitness for the vacant place. Although I know personally little of Dr Watson, I have long been familiar with his name and labours, and I am quite sure that there is no man in the medical profession of his age in Scotland who is more favourably known on this side of the Atlantic than he is. His various contributions to the Medical Press have earned for him an enviable reputation both in Europe and America. His work on Excision of the Knee-Joint, published in 1867, is a highly meritorious production, showing him to be not only an excellent surgeon, but a profound thinker, and a most able pathologist and therapeutist. His "Modern Pathology and Treatment of Venereal Disease" is another admirable performance, exhibiting his thorough acquaintance with the subject, both in a historical and practical point of view. The preparation of the last edition of the late Professor Miller's "Practice of Surgery" was largely due to his labours,

much of it having been re-written by him at that lamented gentleman's special request.

As a lecturer, I know nothing of Dr Watson, having never heard him, but I assume that a man who expresses himself so well in his writings could not fail to be a clear, methodical, and instructive teacher. As an operator, his reputation is so well established as to need no commendation from me or any one else.

S. D. GROSS.

VI.

43 W. 32D STREET, NEW YORK.
July 27, 1869.

From FRANK H. HAMILTON, *Professor of Surgery and Operative Surgery in Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York; Surgeon to the Bellevue and Charity Hospitals, &c., New York, United States of America.*

I am familiar with the contributions of Dr P. H. Watson to the various departments of Medical and Surgical Science, and through which he has acquired a most excellent reputation on this side of the Atlantic; and I think I am warranted in saying that, in the estimation of my countrymen, his appointment to the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh, would add to the fame of that ancient school.

FRANK H. HAMILTON.

VII.

From R. M. HODGES, M.D., *Professor of Surgery and Clinical Surgery, Harvard University, Boston, United States of America.*

53 MOUNT VERNON STREET, BOSTON, U.S.,
July 26, 1869.

DEAR SIR,—I take great pleasure in saying that you have long been known to me as a surgeon by your writings, and that I have always read with interest and profit whatever came from

your pen. Having been for a long time watchful of whatever was said on the subject of excisions, I have read with great satisfaction your articles on that important topic.

I believe that your name is familiar and favourably known to my countrymen.

I am sure that the learning and sound judgment and the scientific tone of your published works, cannot but be a recommendation sufficient to secure for you the office of Professor of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh.

R. M. HODGES.

VIII.

From DAVID W. CHEEVER, M.D., *Adj. Professor of Clinical Surgery in Harvard University; Surgeon to the Boston City Hospital, United States of America.*

BOSTON, MASS., *July* 27, 1869.

The name and writings of Dr Patrick Heron Watson, of Edinburgh, are well known and appreciated here; and his reputation as a surgeon is equally familiar to us.

DAVID W. CHEEVER.

IX.

From JOHNSON SAVAGE, M.D. Edin.; *Licentiate of Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, and Deputy Inspector-General of Army Hospitals.*

24 CAMBRIDGE TERRACE, HYDE PARK,
6th August 1869.

I have the pleasure of knowing Dr P. H. Watson for several years, and have had ample opportunity of becoming acquainted with his great professional zeal and ability, when he assisted me in the duties of the Royal Artillery Hospital at Woolwich. I entertain the highest possible opinion of his surgical acquirements, and feel confident that no fitter person could be chosen to fill the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh.

JOHNSON SAVAGE.

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FOURTH SERIES OF TESTIMONIALS.

I.

From PAUL F. EVE, M.D., *Professor of Surgery, Missouri Medical College U.S.M.*

ST LOUIS, MISSOURI, *July* 31*st*, 1869.

MY DEAR PROFESSIONAL BROTHER,—For to such my warm Southern heart always goes out, and I promptly reply. I do hope you will be called to fill the vacant Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh. I know you deserve it, for your professional labour, your marked industry and ability, your zeal and talent, all indicate plainly your qualifications for that professorship. If I thought my humble voice and feeble pen could secure this end, they should be employed in your behalf.

It has given me much pleasure to study your contributions to Surgery, and to assure you that they are both numerous and of great value.

I pray that you will soon be announced as the successful candidate in your University.

PAUL F. EVE, M.D.

II.

From CARL SANTESSON, *Professor of Surgery at the Medical School of the University of Stockholm, and First Surgeon to the Seraphim Hospital.*

STOCKHOLM, 10*th August* 1869.

Having been asked by Dr Patrick Heron Watson to express my opinion respecting his qualifications for the vacant chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh, I beg leave to state that, in my judgment, he is well fitted to occupy that chair.

This opinion is founded *partly* on the consideration of the experience Dr Watson must have gained during his long and successful career, as a Lecturer on Surgery and Surgical Pathology, as well as his continued and honourable engagement as a surgeon both in civil and military hospital practice; *partly*, the evidence of ability, care in investigation, inventive faculty, and knowledge of the matter, displayed in his numerous and valuable printed contributions to surgical science and operative topics—all acquirements which, combined with an unusually clear and comprehensive, even eloquent, manner of communicating his information to others—which I have had myself occasion to witness—make him well qualified to fill with credit the place he now seeks.

CARL SANTESSON.

III.

From W. W. Keen, M.D., *Lecturer on Pathological Anatomy in the Jefferson Medical College; Lecturer on Anatomy and Operative Surgery in the Philadelphia School of Anatomy; Fellow of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia; Fellow of the Academy of Natural Sciences, &c. &c. &c.*

Philadelphia, U.S.
August 4, 1869.

It affords me very great pleasure to add my testimony to that of others on behalf of the claims of Dr P. H. Watson for election to the now vacant Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh.

Though not personally acquainted with Dr Watson, yet I have long known him as a prominent leader in medical progress in Edinburgh, and as a writer on medical subjects whose contributions always challenge my attention. Besides such general qualifications he has unusual facilities for special training in the number of years he has spent as a lecturer on surgery and kindred topics, and his success is attested both by his present reputation as a teacher, and the numerous students that have attended his lectures.

W. W. KEEN, M.D.

IV.

From John Collins Warren, M.D., *Adjunct Professor of Surgery in the Harvard University.*

2 Park Street, Boston,
August 3.

My dear Sir,—It gives me great pleasure to be able to add my testimony to that of others, in favour of your high reputation as a surgeon in this country, not only on account of the many interesting operations which you have performed, but for your valuable contributions to surgical science. Your work on Excision of the Knee Joint, especially, is looked upon here as an authority on that subject.

Accept my most hearty wishes that you may obtain the position which you desire, and which is so well deserved.

JOHN COLLINS WARREN.